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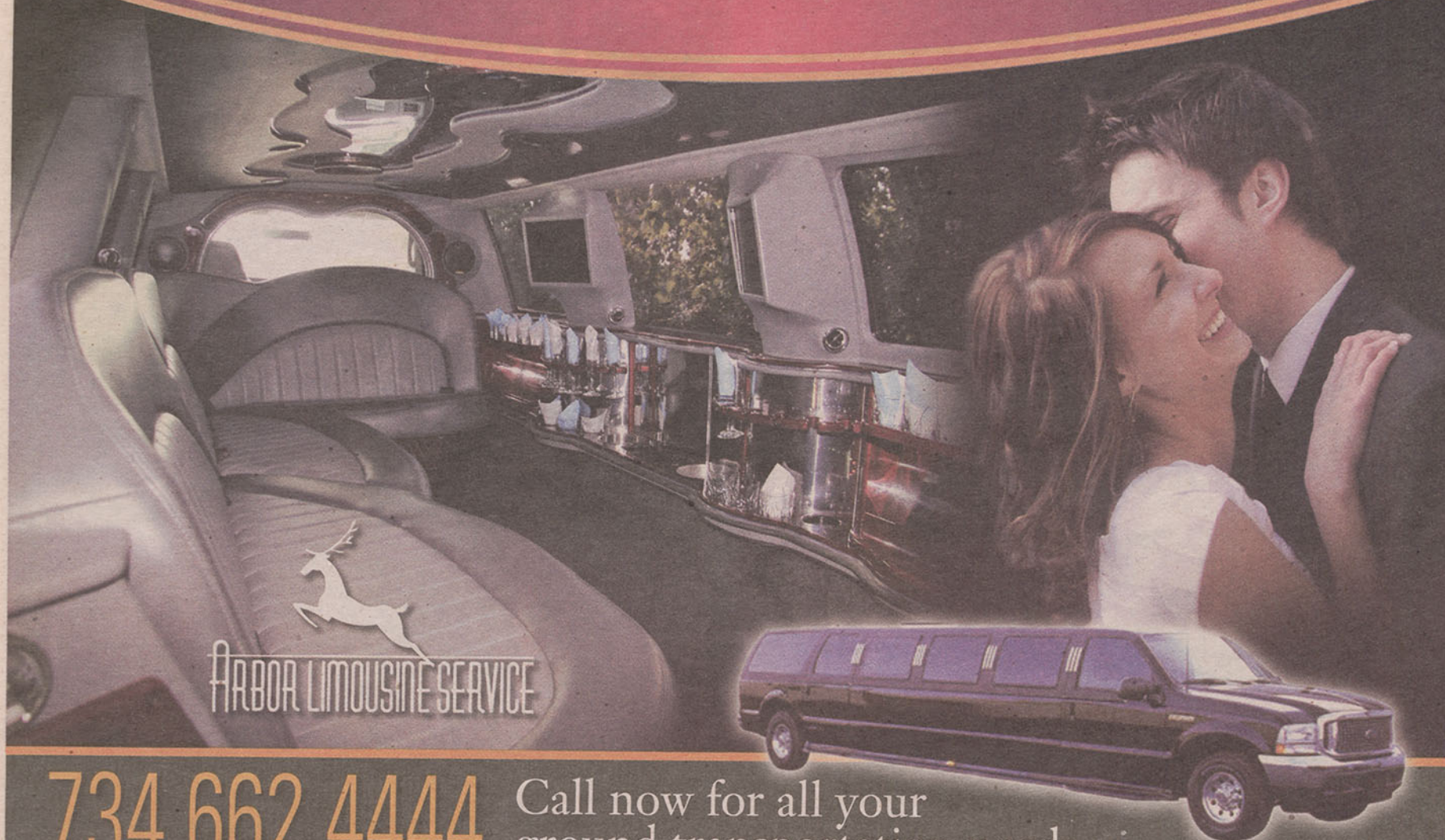
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Budget potholes: The Washtenaw County Road Commission's budget was reduced 10 percent this year. Roy Townsend, WCRC director of engineering, says that's meant less maintenance on county roads and delayed construction projects. And that's not even Townsend's biggest headache. What really worries him is the dismal outlook for next year's state budget. If the state continues funding transportation at the current level, by next year it will be unable to match all eligible federal funding, Townsend explains, and \$600 million paid by Michigan drivers in gas taxes will be lost.

Mike Nystrom of the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association says that the U.S. House passed a bill in December "which would alleviate the requirement to match in 2011. But so far, there has been no suggestion that the Senate will take it up, and no indication they would pass it if they did." Townsend says that unless the Senate acts—or the state miraculously finds a new source of matching funds—"the tax revenue we pay will go to other states and not to us."

For the troops: "We know what it is like to be forgotten," says John Kinzinger. In 1966, at age nineteen, Kinzinger was drafted into the army. Leaving behind his wife and young son, he spent a year in Vietnam as a battalion radio operator in the First Air Cavalry. Now, every five or six weeks, he sends out an email inviting Vietnam vets and their families and friends to help send care packages to U.S. soldiers, mostly from this area, serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. "This war has been going on so long, they need a morale boost more now than ever," he says.

"Vietnam veterans are the core behind this effort," says Kinzinger, a retired Ford engineering supervisor and care package chairman for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 423 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 310. After seven years of sending the packages, they have everything down pat, filling sixty or seventy boxes in less than an hour. Kinzinger, who lives in Ann Arbor, continually updates the list of recipients—recently, while shopping at Kroger, he heard a mother talking about her son's deployment and gave her his business card. The gifts and postage—\$30,000 so far—are all donated. "Linda French [of the Sidetrack Bar & Grill in Ypsilanti] put on a fund-raiser for us last September and raised \$4,000," Kinzinger says.

Gifts include energy bars and homemade cookies, toothbrushes and

toothpaste, books, CDs, and DVDs (no porn, no violence, says Kinzinger), and fun stuff—when the U-M athletic department switched its sponsor from Nike to Adidas, the troops got Michigan footballs, soccer balls, and football jerseys. Kinzinger contributes photos he takes of the staff at the Hooters restaurant in Taylor, but it's apparently not enough. "I get notes back saying, 'Next time, send the girls!'" He adds, "We need something with men to send to the female troopers"—in January, three of the sixty-nine packages went to women.

RAW Häus redux: Steve Gutterman paid \$80,000 at a November foreclosure auction to buy 715 Miller, aka the RAW Häus ("Punk Paradise Lost," November).



The former musicians' and artists' collective was missing its front door, the boiler was broken, and the pipes had frozen—but, Gutterman says, it's still "a beautiful house in a great neighborhood, basically in really sound condition." True, it's right next to the parking lot at Miller Manor, but Gutterman hopes management there will work with him to reduce the amount of light spilling in at night.

"Once we have some heat, I'll gut and totally redo the kitchen and both bathrooms and repair the plaster walls," he says. "After that, I want to really clean up the backyard and put in flowers and a garden." By doing a lot of the work himself, Gutterman figures he can get the house back in shape for "between \$30,000 and \$100,000." He hopes to be done by the end of the summer.

Pulling the plug: The Heidelberg's Club Above abruptly shut down its music operation in January, less than eight months after Claudia Leo took over the North Main Street club, spruced up the venue, and inaugurated an ambitious schedule of intriguing local, regional, and national acts. "In an utterly unprofessional, dishonest, and disrespectful business move, the Heidelberg canceled all live music shows with no notice to anyone," says Leo, whose No Fun Entertainment had been book-

ing Thursday and Saturday nights. Leo says Heidelberg owner Ray Kouza gave her a long-term commitment when he approached her about doing the programming last spring; she had acts lined up into June when she was notified of the cancellation.

Friday night's live happy hour shows, a favorite of older rockers, were axed at the same time. Randy Tessier had arranged those shows with Kouza separately—for the past several years, Tessier's band FUBAR played the first Friday of each month with Drivin' Sideways playing the last and other bands invited to play between.

Last fall, Heidelberg general manager Mike Holloway told the Observer that Leo had tripled attendance at the Club Above. Apparently, that wasn't good enough. "It was just inconsistent, drawing people in with the bands," says Holloway now. The club already was rented out Sunday through Wednesday by a company that hosts charity poker nights, and Holloway says that giving them the rest of the week was a better business deal than continuing the music.

Leo's not giving up. "No Fun Entertainment would like to embrace this change to move our operations to a more professional venue," she says, "and to work with a business that shares our same enthusiasm and entertainment industry philosophy."

Global village: The day after Christmas, diners at Señor López, the Mexican restaurant on West Stadium, were treated to an impromptu concert. A private party had gathered at one end of the dining room. Most of the guests appeared



to be from India, some of the women wearing beautiful saris. A sound system was readied—and soon the song "Thriller" blasted through the speakers.

A Michael Jackson impersonator exploded onto the floor. Lip-synching flawlessly, he pivoted and moon-walked through three numbers, precisely replicating the moves from Jackson's music videos—complete with changing jackets, a wolf mask, and the iconic sequined glove. The rapt partygoers applauded enthusiastically. Then two of the sari-clad women rose and performed a captivating traditional dance.

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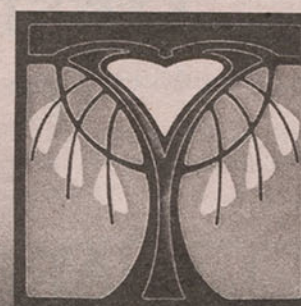
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The Market in Winter

More vendors are braving the coldest months at the Ann Arbor Farmers' Market.

Last February, an average of eighteen sellers showed up each week at the public market on Fourth Avenue—compared to an average of ten or eleven in the previous two Februaries. Manager Molly Notarianni thinks the totals will be even higher this winter, in part because of the tough economy.

Vendors put up with blowing winds, frigid temperatures, and fewer customers as the price of a year-round, open-air market. Still, attendance varies hugely depending on the weather. Alex Nemeth, who's sold apples and cider for decades, remembers one "real snowy day" about eight years ago when he was the only seller who made it in—"the market manager didn't even come down." Yet by 10 a.m., some customers showed up and bought cider. "Some people said, 'We really don't need the cider but we're going to buy it out of pity for you,'" he recalls.

"We try to make the best of a cold winter's day," says Nemeth. Several vendors organize hot meals in the market office—"mostly there's stew and chili." He likes to bring hot dogs and sauerkraut with onions and horseradish.

"The more business we have, the warmer we stay," says Jan (Wasem) Upston, who with her husband Bruce sells apples, cider, and jam most of the winter for Wasem Fruit Farm. Three years ago, they bought a tent to cut the wind and hold in some of the warmth from their propane heaters.

About two-thirds of the hard-core vendors have some source of heat, but no one is immune to the cold—"jumping around is common," Notarianni says. Winter regulars also include Kapnick Orchards, artisan Debbie Marx, Roos Roast Coffee, furniture maker Coleman Jewett, Hannewald Lamb, TMZ beef and buffalo, Our Family Farm, and Brines Farm, whose owner has a hoop house to grow greens all winter.

Customers who show up in winter get more personal service and find vendors have more time to chat than during the madhouse summer months. And, unlike summer, parking is easy.

"As real and raw as Sunday"

Led Zeppelin goes to church.

"When I was growing up, the music that I liked, like Zeppelin, sure wasn't played in church," says Jeff Boriss, director of communications at the 2142 Community Church.

Founded in Brighton in 2005, the church added an Ann Arbor branch last



Jan Upston of Wasem Fruit Farm says the mid-January turnout at the Farmers' Market was the biggest she'd ever seen. "The more business we have," she says, "the warmer we stay."

spring. (The name comes from the New Testament book of Acts, chapter 2 verse 42, which describes the founding of the Christian church). Meeting at the Four Points by Sheraton, it's already pulling in about 300 folks weekly—thanks in part to a very contemporary church band. "Our idea is: let's play music that people actually like, as long as it's good music and it's about good things," says Boris. "We've done Zeppelin's 'Whole Lotta Love'—what could be more appropriate than that?—and the Stones' 'Satisfaction' and the Beatles' 'With a Little Help from My Friends.' And we especially like the Foo Fighters, songs like 'All My Life,' which is one of our videos, and 'Come Alive,' which we did last Easter."

The music at the 2142 is so popular that Boriss says some people come just



"I don't dig the divide between the church and the bars," says Vineyard Church bandleader Shaun Garth Walker. "I'm just as holy in the bar as I am in church."

to hear it. "It's harder to say for sure in Ann Arbor because it's a newer campus, but I know they do up in Brighton. Some of the members of the band and I have played bars in downtown Brighton and over at Zukey Lake Tavern in Pinckney, and after our set, people come up to us and ask about us, and we say who we are and that we play in church.

And they say, 'Oh come on!' and we say, 'Yes, and we're the same in both places, and so is the music.' And some of those people have started coming to church."

Shaun Garth Walker has had the same experience. In addition to being the part-time bandleader at the Vineyard Church of Ann Arbor on Platt, he plays solo "four solid nights a week—the South Lyon Hotel Mondays and then [Thursdays and] weekends at Lu and Carl's in Brighton. And there's been some who come from the gigs to the church—and some who come from the church to the bar. I don't dig the divide between the church and the bars. I'm just as holy in the bar as I am in church. Some people find it a strange combination, but I think it's pretty cool."

Walker's predecessor, English blues aficionado Mike Brooks, brought the Vineyard band from well-meaning to inspired. But Brooks was full-time—and with the recession, the church had to lay him off last August. Walker, who'd been at Hope Community Church in Ypsilanti, came in and changed the musical direction. "Mike is more of a bluesy kind of dude, but much as I love the blues, I've got no skills for that," he says. "Now it's more generally pop-rock style, plus I have an affinity for the Ramones and Green Day, plus alt-country is in my DNA—Ryan Adams, Wilco, Uncle Tupelo. The weirder the better for me, but not so weird that people don't enjoy it."

Walker has no complaints about his split musical life—now. "It's what's allowed me to put diapers on my babies' butts. But my kids are five and three, and the long-term goal is to work full-time at the church so I can be around at night when they get older."

His goal for his church music: "I'm hoping for stuff that's as real and raw as Sunday, for stuff that's very real and honest and organic, and for keeping it fresh—because people are there pouring their hearts out to God on Sunday."

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Gluten-free Ann Arbor

Local restaurants and food stores are finding creative ways to help people with celiac disease.

It's 3 a.m., and all the retail outlets along North University are dark and deserted—except for one. In the kitchen of Silvio's Organic Pizza, manager JesRose Miller is preparing a batch of gluten-free pizza dough. Later, she'll bake a chocolate cheesecake, also gluten free.

In most communities, Silvio's would be a rarity. But in Ann Arbor, it's one of many restaurants and groceries working to make food that's safe for patrons who suffer from celiac disease.

Often referred to as the most under-diagnosed genetic disorder of our time, CD is an inherited, potentially life-threatening autoimmune disease. Triggered by gluten—the proteins found in wheat, rye, and barley—it affects an estimated three million or more Americans. Treatment involves the complete elimination of gluten from the diet.

Arbor Farms co-owner Robert Cantelon says demand for gluten-free products "has exploded" in recent years. Cantelon and his buyers are especially proud to have discovered Toledo's Organic Bliss, a wheat-free, gluten-free bakery that turns out "awesome" pies, scones, cakes, brownies, and cookies. Whole Foods has its own Gluten-Free Bakehouse in North Carolina, launched in 2004 under the guidance of chef Lee Tobin, himself a celiac sufferer.

As manager of marketing and member services for the People's Food Co-op, Kevin Sharp is constantly being asked about GF products. "It's probably the most common question we get," he says. "We try to carry at least one gluten-free option in every department, along with related specialty items"—something that's becoming easier, he observes, as more manufacturers offer them.

Andrea Klooster was born in France to American parents and diagnosed as a celiac at the age of two. To make sure her food was gluten free, her mother spent hours in the kitchen, "making everything from scratch." Thirty-seven years later, she is delighted at the wide availability of GF products in Ann Arbor, even in mainstream groceries. Busch's, Kroger, and Meijer all continue to build their gluten-free selections.

For many celiacs, dining out can be the equivalent of tiptoeing through a minefield. But a random sampling of local eateries revealed that some Ann Arbor restaurants are doing their best to change that.

Guests at Seva, the city's oldest natural foods restaurant, can request a special gluten-free menu. At Zingerman's Roadhouse, chef and managing partner Alex Young oversees a menu that includes

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Silvio's Organic Pizza owner Silvio Medoro (center, with co-owner Emidio Tomassi and manager JesRose Miller) shows off a gluten-free pizza.

gluten-free entrées, salads, and appetizers as well as his own GF creation—the Rice Grits and Bits Waffle. The Jolly Pumpkin even brews a gluten-free beer—“a heart-felt attempt,” says executive chef and managing partner Maggie Long, to create a welcoming venue for all patrons.

Ask about GF options at the Cottage Inn, and the maitre d' will reverse a menu to feature the gluten-free list that debuted in October. Among the unexpected offerings are bruschetta and cheese bread. Likewise, Gratz features gluten-free dishes on both its lunch and dinner menus.

Consultant Bill Damon was diagnosed with CD seventeen years ago. “In those days, I was lucky to have an excellent doctor who got to a diagnosis quickly,” Damon recalls. “He told me: ‘You’re starving to death.’” (CD damages the small intestine, reducing the body’s ability to absorb nutrients.) In those days, Damon notes, there were only a few GF products available at the People’s Food Co-op and Arbor Farms. “Today, there’s a tidal wave of new products.” Equally important, the stigma has been lessened. “But,” he goes on, “people still need to recognize that there are serious long-term health issues associated with celiac disease, including possible colon cancer.”

Local celiacs owe a debt of gratitude to freelance programmer Valerie Mates, whose cyber support group and email list—groups.yahoo.com/group/glutenfreeannarbor—features reviews

of area restaurants, stores, bakeries, and even medical practitioners. The list has been up and running since 2005, the year that Mates and her daughter were diagnosed with CD. At last count, the site had 516 members, most of them in Ann Arbor.

“Celiac can be a very isolating condition, because of how complicated it becomes to eat with your friends,” Mates observes. “Ann Arbor desperately needs a dedicated gluten-free restaurant. Also, local people with celiac disease are very undersupported by the medical community. There are fabulous celiac centers at hospitals in California, New York, Boston, and Chicago. I’d love to see a specialized celiac disease center at the U of M Hospital.”

question corner

Q. How does the pay for Ann Arbor’s mayor and city council people compare to other cities in the Midwest?

A. These comparisons can be tricky, because job descriptions vary—some cities employ a city administrator in addition to their elected officials, some don’t. Salaries also vary by region and by city size.

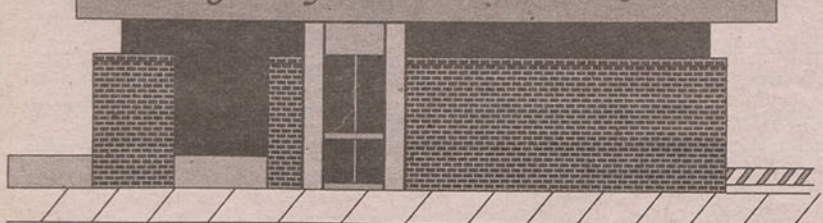
For cities of 100,000 to 250,000 in the North Central states, city administrator salaries recently had a median of \$154,000, while the median chief elected official salary was \$39,000. A 2005 study of forty-seven cities with council-manager governments and populations between 100,000 and 250,000 found the average council salary was \$18,000.

Ann Arbor administrator Roger Fraser is paid \$145,356 a year. Mayor John Hieftje makes \$42,435 a year, and council members get \$15,514. Hieftje has called on elected officials to take a 3 percent pay cut, but that’s up to the city compensation commission, which won’t meet until 2011. In the meantime, Hieftje and many council members are donating 3 percent of their pay back to the city.

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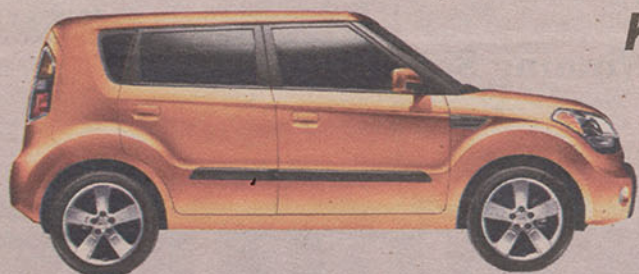
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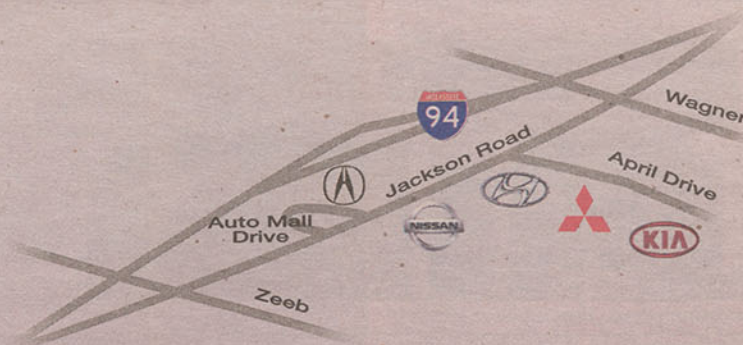
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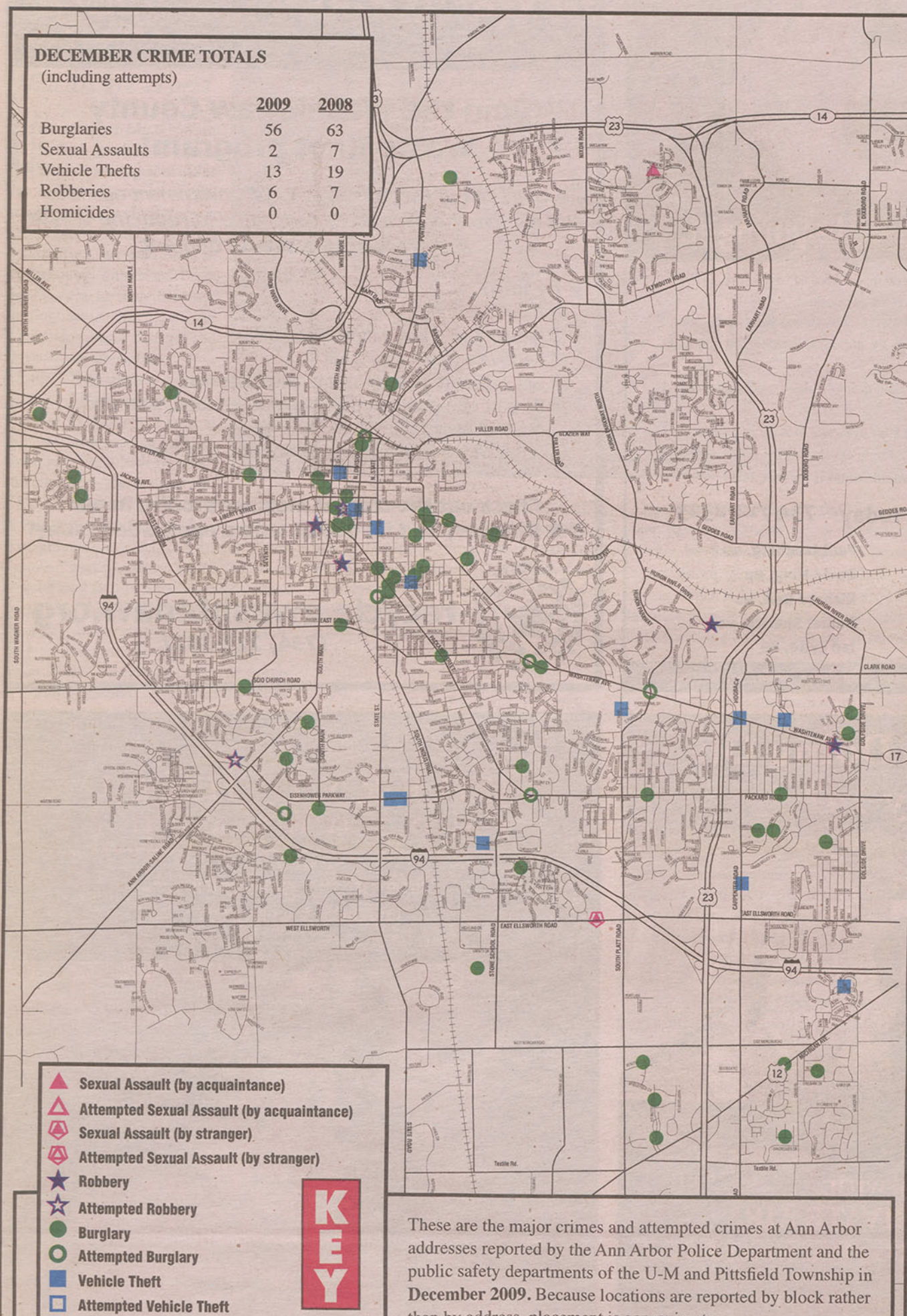
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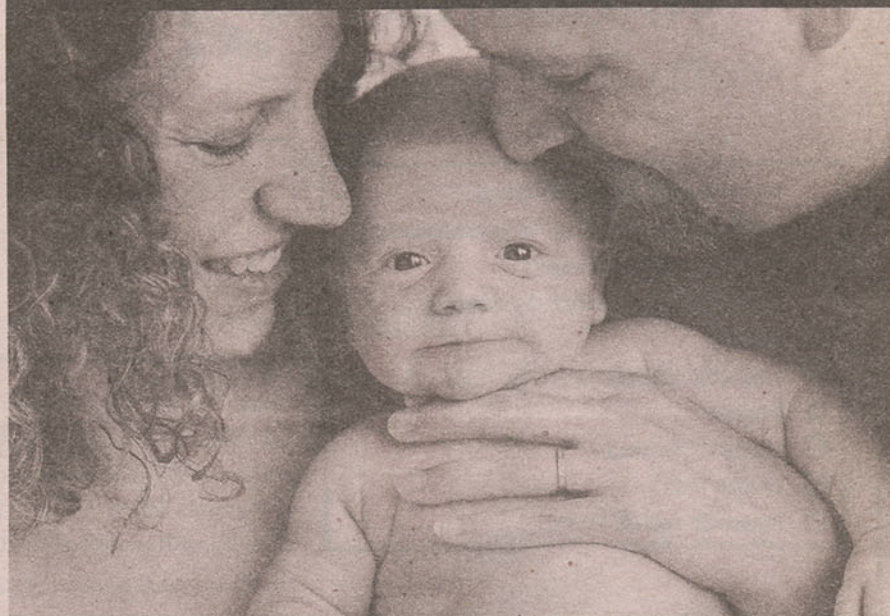


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David Doris

Rocker turned African art expert

University of Michigan art history professor David Doris doesn't go out of his way to tell students he played saxophone for a few years in a rock band called the Raunch Hands. But those who find out are definitely impressed. Profs well known in their field are nothing new at Michigan, but a guy who toured Europe and played on an album called *Have a Swig?* "They seem to connect with that," Doris admits.

Now forty-seven, Doris is still very comfortable with an audience. "Hello, everybody!" he calls out as he bounds into a lecture hall in the C.C. Little Building in December. It's the last day of class for his "Introduction to African Art and Visual Culture," and the wavy-haired teacher is dressed with flair in a brown jacket, black open-neck shirt, and dark pants. "Doing all right? Relieved you're not going to have to listen to this guy anymore?" he teases. Then, cheerleader style, he points to different sections of the hall and leads the students in a call and response: "Get on up! Get into it! Get involved!"

On cue, the James Brown song floods the room—and Doris launches into his lecture. After class, he explains that he opened with the Godfather of Soul because Brown had a big influence on post-colonial Africa. "A powerful black man! That was revolutionary."

Until recently, most Western scholars of African art studied objects used in rituals or worship. Doris is one of a newer group who examine everyday objects with complicated meanings. He's especially passionate about *aale*, objects that, he explained in a 2005 article, ordinary Nigerians create from found materials "to protect their properties—farms, gardens, market goods, piles of collected firewood—from the ravages of thieves." A cornucopia tied with a strip of cloth to a handmade broom, for example, declares the power of the property's owner—who tore the cloth, swept filth off the floor, and stripped the cornucopia. The implied threat is that this same power can be used against thieves.

Not all repurposed objects threaten retribution. Disney motifs, especially Mickey Mouse, often appear in Nigerian fabrics. Doris explains that heavy, low-grade discards from American textile manufacturers are shipped to Africa as scrap. Many Nigerians find delight in the animal images, and the broken, uneven patterns of the prints correspond with their country's own artistic themes. Doris was the first to write about this instance of American commercial iconography being incorporated into a Third World culture.



COURTESY DAVID DORIS

Doris's willingness to learn the difficult, tonal Yoruba language has endeared him to Nigerians (though they tease him about his pronunciation). Traveling around a country plagued by crime and ethnic and religious violence can be dangerous for a foreigner, and Doris says he has had to

The Raunch Hands, briefly, hit it big in Japan and parts of Europe. But Doris became restless and decided to move on.

talk his way out of scary situations. But he doesn't dwell on the dangers. "I love Nigeria because it has challenged me in a thousand ways," he says. "Any troubles I might have experienced there pale in comparison with those Nigerians experience every day, year in and year out."

Of Sicilian and Russian Jewish heritage, Doris grew up in New Jersey, where his passions were acting, art, and playing the saxophone. After graduating from Southampton College at Long Island University in 1983, he worked in advertising and freelanced as a sax player, recording with people like Moe Tucker of the Velvet Underground. He joined the Raunch Hands in 1988. "NYC bluesy punkrock" is how a fan's website describes the group. "Very male, loud and drunk, all of that," says Doris.

The Raunch Hands, briefly, hit it big in Japan and parts of Europe. But Doris became restless, and, uncertain about the group's direction, decided to move on. He quit in 1992 after a fight over the name of a future album. Doris wanted *Wake Up and Smell the Raunch Hands*. His band mates chose *Fuck Me Stupid*. "We parted on bad terms," Doris admits.

By then, he was already deep into another passion: African art. It started as a fluke: he heard the Brian Eno-David Byrne album *My Life in the Bush of Ghosts*, which led him to read the novel of the same name by Nigeria's Amos Tutuola. Discovering African culture, "I felt as if my head popped!" he recalls. "Here was a world I did not know that was incredibly rich." He earned a master's in art history from Hunter College in 1993 and a PhD from Yale in 2002.

Doris acknowledges that anything connected with Africa can be loaded: white students, especially, are nervous about saying something that might be construed as racist. To clear the air, he starts each semester by asking them to write down whatever image of Africa comes to their mind; their responses include mud huts, British colonies, and starving people. Then they discuss their perceptions. "I try never to alienate the students," Doris says. "But it's important to speak plainly, even to risk offending, if it brings us closer to real dialogue and understanding."

"David is anything but one-dimensional," says U-M art history chair Celeste Brusati. "He has written on topics that range from Zen and the international Fluxus art movement of the 1960s to Disney theme parks, Kodak Picture Spots, and the Internet's role in constructing Yoruba identity." He sometimes hosts faculty parties in a thatched-roof "tiki" house he built in the basement of the home he shares with his wife, Melissa, and their two-year-old daughter Marcella, adopted from Guatemala.

His enthusiasm for his work is contagious. "Prof Doris gets so excited about African art you can't help being excited too," writes a student on ratemyprofessors.com. And while teaching may not be as sexy as garage rock, Doris has no regrets. "I've devoted my life to doing something I love," he exclaims. "Without this love, I wouldn't continue doing this."

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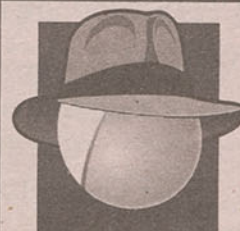
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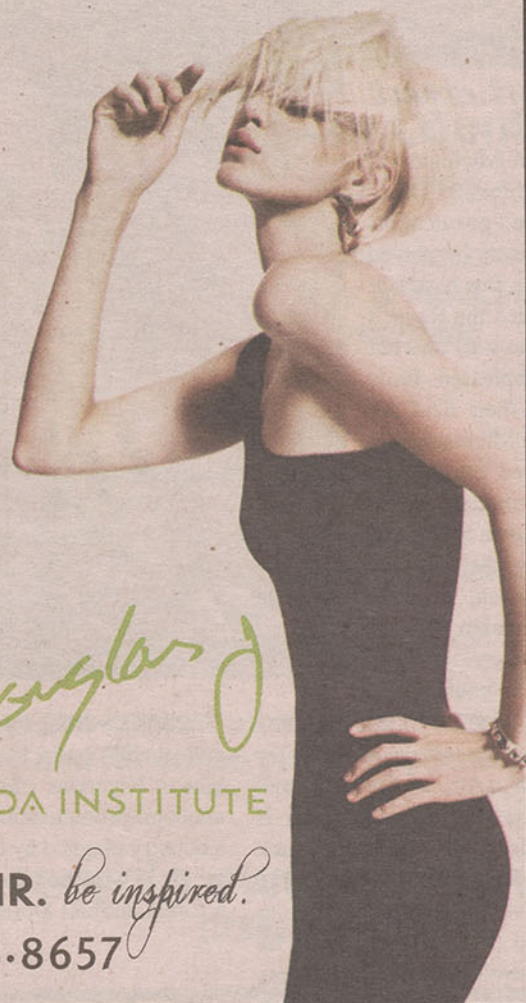
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What to do with an outdated downtown filling station? Garth Bolgos has a plan: give it a new identity, put up a sign, and open a medical marijuana dispensary.

Bolgos owns the dilapidated gas station at the corner of Liberty and Second. He's working with Renee Wolf, multiple sclerosis patient and longtime proselytizer for medical marijuana. They envision a place where MS patients and other registered medical marijuana users can meet with their caregivers to obtain their herbal medication.

There's just one problem: the Michigan Department of Community Health says that, even though a 2008 vote made the use of medical marijuana legal in Michigan, marijuana dispensaries aren't.

Bolgos, fifty-nine, grew up working on his family's dairy farm just north of Ann Arbor. By age eight, he was helping with the milking, filling pails that would steam on a cold day. He still has a scar on his left hand where a horse kicked him while he was shoeing it. He drove a milk truck, making deliveries for Bolgos Dairy, and worked in the family's restaurant on Plymouth Road. But eventually the property taxes were too much, and the 105-year-old business was mournfully sold.

After that Bolgos purchased, rehabbed, and resold Ann Arbor houses. In 1990, he bought Fred Roberts' Sunoco station. But small service stations are dying out, and the building's been vacant since 2007.

Last May, Bolgos attended a local seminar sponsored by California's "Oaksterdam University," whose motto is "Quality training for the cannabis industry." Shortly thereafter, a friend with MS told him medical marijuana patients were having serious problems finding good analgesic weed. No stranger to marijuana himself, he saw a way to help people while finding a new use for his empty building.

Since then, he's been focused on putting all his bureaucratic ducks in line: requesting permits and papers, filing with the state, waiting for his caregiver card, talking with his lawyer and the mayor, fixing and fussing. It's kept him focused, if not obsessed, and has filled him with a sense of excitement. He sees a dispensary not just as a business but as a humanitarian gesture.

Wolf has used marijuana to manage her MS for twenty-five years. When she was arrested for growing her own in 1994, she tried to plead medical necessity—the first person in the state to do so. Now that she's registered as a medical marijuana patient and Bolgos is a registered caregiver, he is allowed to share some of his "Goody's Superstrain" with her. He says he's seen her unable to walk, but then, after smoking a pipe of "skunk," get up and move around.

In Michigan, marijuana can be prescribed for any of nine specific conditions and for other illnesses and treatments that produce "debilitating" symptoms. Wolf qualifies because she suffers from muscle

can garth bolgos create ann arbor's first marijuana dispensary?

PIPE dream

by john rosevear



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spasms caused by her MS. She didn't know of a local doctor who would write her a prescription for marijuana, so she got a "letter of recommendation" from a sympathetic physician in Oregon. With that she was able to apply to the State of Michigan for recognition as a medical marijuana patient and name a caregiver—a person designated to grow marijuana on her behalf. Since there are a wide variety of types of cannabis with a broad range of effects, caregivers work with patients to determine the strain they find most healing or restorative.

There's already a model of sorts in Ypsilanti, where Jackson resident Arthur Freed has opened a dispensary at the corner of Pearl and Hamilton. It's also the headquarters of the Michigan Marijuana Chamber of Commerce—Freed, thirty-one, is executive director. Both Freed and his partner, Darrell Stav-

ros, come to work in neat blue suits and ties, coats buttoned. There are also two security guards and a receptionist—building manager. In his office, with a couple of Behr paint cans atop a single file cabinet, Freed explains the MMCC's goals: "We want to do as much for the state as possible, while protecting the patient and caregiver's rights." He says marijuana could revitalize Michigan's agriculture, and empty factories could be put to work producing hemp products.

According to people posting on michiganmedicalmarijuana.org, the Ypsi facility is set up as a club, with membership costing \$12 a year and varieties of pot priced at \$15–\$20 a gram. One customer reports buying "a few grams of my meds"—and a chocolate brownie for \$7, "which I thought was steep but it did its thing."

That's consistent with the way dispensaries operate in California, selling marijuana and foods laced with the herb to approved patients. But, according to

Department of Community Health spokesperson James McCurtis, "since the law in Michigan does not address dispensaries or offer any regulating system for them, the Michigan Department of Community Health interprets the law as saying that it is illegal to operate a marijuana dispensary. In addition, marijuana is a Schedule I controlled substance, and it is illegal to buy and sell."

Mayor John Hieftje is being cautious, too. "The legal process is slow. There's no enabling legislation. We can't act independently of Lansing, and the situation's being looked at." Looking amused, he adds, "It's a puzzle we haven't figured out."

Longtime local attorney Dennis Hayes disagrees. "No such enabling ordinance is necessary," he wrote in an analysis he drafted for Bolgos. He cites Ann Arbor's local medical marijuana charter amendment, which voters approved back in 2004: "Fines and all other costs shall be waived upon proof that the defendant is recommended by a physician, practitioner or other qualified health professional to use or provide the marijuana or cannabis for medical treatment."

While Bolgos doesn't like the way the state law is structured, he says that it's "better than having no law at all." He feels that the people have spoken and the state legislature deliberately made the implementing law vague. So whatever Lansing says, he's continuing to fix up his gas station, with the goal of opening June 1.

In January, five-gallon buckets placed beneath the roof leaks were solid with frozen water. But the roof had just been fixed, and Bolgos and Wolf were full of plans.

They say the high-ceiling repair bay will be closed off and scientifically ventilated as a private place for patients to "medicate." A built-in vault will store the product during closing hours. There's talk of adding a second story, and, perhaps in 2011, a van to deliver dope to homebound patients.

After defending "a large number" of marijuana cases over the years, Hayes, sixty-nine, is excited about its new, medicinal legitimacy. "It is the lame who are spearheading the movement," Hayes says, "and it's ironic that it has taken the seriously ill and infirm to open the public's eyes to the blindness and hypocrisy of our political leaders." He pulls out a reprint from the *Los Angeles Times* headlined "Pot is called biggest cash crop." Citing a 2006 analysis by a supporter of legalization, the article reported: "Nationwide, the estimated cannabis production of \$35.8 billion exceeds corn (\$23 billion), soybeans (\$17.6 billion) and hay (\$12.2 billion)."

By that standard, Bolgos's financial needs seem modest: he figures he needs about \$80,000 to bring the place up to standards. He hopes to borrow the money, putting his other property up as collateral. A business plan is "in progress," but he likes to use the word "nonprofit" to describe what he's creating. "I just want to cover costs," he says. "If there's anything left over, it'll be reinvested in finding better product."

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BY EVE SILBERMAN

It depresses LaShun Cooper to watch one of her front teeth turn a little blacker each day. It makes her feel worse to know that when the tooth goes, the partial denture next to it will probably fall out. Cooper, who's thirty-six, hates the thought of going through life with a gap in her mouth. "It's not supposed to matter what people think, but it's a big part of your life," says the single mother of three.

A few years ago, Cooper had a run of bad luck. After she was injured in a nasty fall, she lost her job and had to live on unemployment benefits. Then, in 2008, she moved from Ypsilanti to Ann Arbor. She was delighted to see her two younger children thriving in their new schools. She figured her luck had turned.



LaShun Cooper (with daughter Tia and son Tre) had just qualified for Medicaid when dental benefits were cut last year.

But last May, Governor Granholm issued an executive order that eliminated Medicaid payments for dental work for adults—except for emergencies, such as swelling and extreme pain, that would require an extraction. Cooper, who had qualified for Medicaid just before the order was issued, can't afford to pay anyone to save her bad tooth. She's still jobless while training to be an X-ray technician at Washtenaw Community College.

Almost 24,000 Washtenaw County adults depend on Medicaid. Even before Granholm cut off funding, though, it was hard to find a dentist who'd accept it. "Medicaid reimbursement doesn't even cover the cost of opening the door and turning on the lights," says local dentist Dalbert Fear, known for his generosity in treating needy patients. Still, Medicaid paid the bills for about 25 percent of patients at the U-M School of Dentistry and 30 percent at the downtown Community Dental Center (a nonprofit funded by U-M).

Several other money-strapped states have cut Medicaid dental payments—an easy move since the patients have no lobbying clout. Joan Doughty, the outspoken executive director of the Community Action Network, says policymakers wrongly view dental care as expendable. Without it, "you're seeing people not being able to eat nutritious food," she says. "Twenty-one-year-olds not being able to chew!"

Granholm proposed taxing doctor bills to raise the money to restore dental services, but that plan was killed in the state senate. At this point no one knows if or when her order will be lifted. When the state last cut dental Medicaid, in 2005, it wasn't restored for two years. Critics complain that the amount of money saved (estimated at \$5 million in 2010) is negligible—particularly since medical complications from untreated dental patients send many of them to the emergency room. In October, an Alpena woman, a disabled Medicaid recipient, died from an untreated dental infection.

Some former Medicaid patients have managed to pay their own way at either the dental school or the Community Dental Center. Ypsilanti's Hope Clinic, typically the last resort for the destitute, is overwhelmed and no longer accepting new dental patients. Cooper and others simply go without care. "The only way

I can really get work done is I have an emergency," says Ava Bauer, a Medicaid patient with disabilities.

Locally, a handful of community activists and dentists have tried, with slight success, to help Medicaid refugees. An informal task force has "surveyed dentists and dental hygienists and assessed the state of access to oral health care in the county," says its chair, community activist Ruth Kraut, but so far has "not taken on any major access-to-care projects."

Kate MacEwen of Community Residence Corp., a nonprofit agency that works with adults with disabilities, has organized a monthly "Chow Down for Change" fund-raiser at various local restaurants, which donate a share of their profits to pay for dental work for her clients. (See www.communityresidence.org for schedule.) She's also talking with Dr. Sam Zwetchkenbaum, who works at U-M Hospital's emergency dental clinic, about placing donation jars for the needy in local dentists' offices.

One of the most dedicated volunteers is Tammy Kraeger, a dental hygienist who works at a clinic for low-income kids at Mack School. She says parents constantly ask if she can help them. Kraeger tries to connect them with a "small but devoted group of dentists" who see patients for little or no money. She "guards the list," she says, because those dentists would be swamped if their names were made public.

Some complain that the School of Dentistry could do more but has shown little interest in helping. "They have refused to see people in agony," charges Doughty. Dental school administrator Stephen Stefanac says that he understands the distress but that the clinic's "primary mission is education."

A Lansing lawyer, Gary Gordon, has filed a class action suit on behalf of Medicaid patients demanding the state restore the dental payments. But even if the suit succeeds, it's unlikely to come soon enough to save LaShun Cooper's tooth. Still, she feels worse for her teenage son, who needs and desperately wants braces. Medicaid never paid for braces, but if Cooper could command a tooth fairy, she'd ask for help for her son first.

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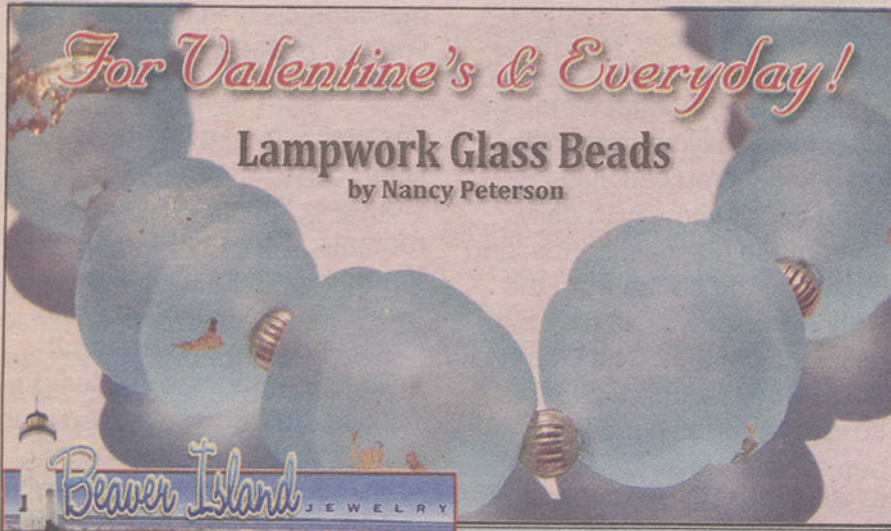
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1 MONDAY

★**Winter Democratic Rides: Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Daily. The assembled riders choose their own pace, distance, and destination. Note: Riders should be prepared to take care of themselves on all AABTS rides. Carry a water bottle, a spare tire or tube, a pump, and snacks. 10 a.m. (daily) & 1 p.m. (Sat. & Sun. only), meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 761-6253 (morning ride), 994-5908 (afternoon ride).

★**Monday Club: Ann Arbor Salvation Army.** Every Mon. Drop-in social group for seniors age 55 & over. Every meeting includes a speaker, word game, craft, or activity. Also, Bible study and chair exercises. Followed by lunch (bring a bag lunch) and socializing. 10 a.m.-noon, Salvation Army, 100 Arbana. Free. 668-8353.

★**"Playgroups for Babies": Ann Arbor District Library.** Every Mon. Play group for kids up to 24 months, accompanied by an adult. No older siblings. Note: Play groups are also offered at the Malletts Creek (Tues., 10-11 a.m., & Thurs., 6:30-7:30 p.m.), Pittsfield (Wed., 11 a.m.-noon), and Traverwood (Fri., 10:30-11:30 a.m.) branches. 10:30-11:30 a.m., AADL, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-8301 (main library), 327-4200 (branches).

Duplicate Bridge: Ann Arbor Senior Center. Every Mon. All seniors age 55 & over invited to play. Bring a partner. Also, at 1 p.m., mah-jongg (free). 12:45-4 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. \$2. 769-5911.

★**Bridge: U-M Turner Senior Resource Center.** Every Mon. & Fri. All seniors invited to play bridge. Refreshments. 1-4 p.m., Turner, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998-9353.

★**"Yiddish as a Double Agent in Israeli Literature": U-M Center for Near Eastern Studies.** Talk by U-M Near Eastern studies professor Shachar Pinsker. 4 p.m., 202 S. Thayer, room 2022. Free. 764-0314.

★**"Financing Development of Drugs and Vaccines for Neglected Diseases": U-M Science, Technology, and Public Policy Program.** Lecture by Columbia University public health professor Paul Wilson. With comments by U-M pediatrics & communicable diseases and public policy professor Matthew Davis. 4-5:30 p.m., 1110 Weill Hall, 735 S. State. Free. 647-3249.



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★**"A Course in Miracles": Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth.** Every Mon. All invited to read from and discuss this popular Foundation for Inner Peace metaphysical book. Also, local social worker Lorraine Coburn leads a study group on the book, every Thurs., noon-1:30 p.m. 6:45-8:45 p.m., Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, 704 Airport Blvd. Donation. 327-0270.

★**Large Ensemble Meeting: Ann Arbor Recorder Society.** All beginning and advanced players of the recorder and other early instruments invited. Directed by local flutist Tim Tikker. Music provided; bring your own music stand. 7:30-9:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division. Free to visitors (\$30 annual dues for those who join). 213-3172.

Tartan & Thistle Scottish Country Dancers. Every Mon. Instruction in a wide range of traditional and contemporary Scottish dances, followed by social dancing. Soft-sole shoes recommended. 7:30-9:30 p.m., the barn at Gretchen's House V, 2625 Traver. (off Nixon). \$5. 769-1052.

Dream Group. Every Mon. (tentative). All invited to join veteran local social worker Rebecca Mullen to discuss their dreams from Jungian, Buddhist, and other spiritual perspectives. 7:30 p.m., 215 N. Seventh St. Donation. 662-5925.

Pub Quiz: Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub. Every Mon. Local high school English teacher Geoff Cost throws out questions for anyone to answer at this popular weekly trivia fest. Prizes. 8:30-11:30 p.m., Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. \$5 team fee. 665-2968.

★**"Fire and Ice Tango Festival": Michigan Argentine Tango Club.** Jan. 29-Feb. 1 (different locations). This 4-day tango festival ends tonight with dancing to recorded music spun by a DJ. Preceded by workshops. 9 p.m. (tentative)-midnight, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). \$20 (\$10 for workshop attendees). umich.edu/~umtango

2 TUESDAY

★**Social Bridge: Ann Arbor Senior Center.** Every Tues. & Wed. All seniors age 50 & over invited to play bridge. No partner required. Also, Tues. at 10 a.m., Scrabble. 9:30 a.m.-noon (Tues.) & 12:45-4 p.m. (Wed.), Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769-5911.

★**Preschool Storytimes: Ann Arbor District Library.** Every Tues. & Wed. Stories and songs for kids age 2 & up (accompanied by an adult). Note: These storytimes are also offered at the Malletts Creek (Wed., 10-10:30 a.m.), Traverwood (Tues., 11-11:30 a.m., & Wed., 6-6:30 p.m.), and Pittsfield (Thurs., 7-7:30 p.m., & Fri., 10-10:30 a.m.) branches. 10-10:30 a.m. (Tues.) & 11-11:30 a.m. (Wed.), AADL youth department story room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-8301 (main library), 327-4200 (branches).

★**"The Bible in Its Time: The Prophets in Their World": Jewish Community Center.** Every Tues., Feb. 2-Mar. 23. Lecture series by U-M Frankel Center for Judaic Studies visiting scholar Lisbeth Fried. 10 a.m.-noon, JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971-0990.

★**Jewish Older Adults: Jewish Community Center.** Every Tues. Activities begin at 11 a.m. with "Energy Exercise" (\$4), a 60-minute exercise program led by Maria Farquhar, followed at 1 p.m. by mah-jongg, bridge and other card games, board games, and quilting and other craft projects. Also, at 1:30 p.m., Yiddish Tish, a Yiddish conversation group. Homemade buffet luncheon (\$3) available at noon. All invited. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free (except as noted). 971-0990.

★**Noon Lecture Series: U-M Center for Chinese Studies.** Every Tues. Talks by U-M and visiting scholars. Free sandwiches, cookies, & coffee served. This month's topics include "Specters on Screen in Chinese Opera Film: A Case Study of 'A Test of Love'" (Feb. 2) "On Socialist Conceptual Art" (Feb. 9) "Background Beijing Urban House: Qing Shui Yang and Linked Hybrid as Non-Identical Topological Twins" (Feb. 16), and "Reevaluating Chinese Cinematic Realism in the Age of the Digital" (Feb. 23). For details, see ii.umich.edu/ccs/events_programs/noonlectureseries. Noon-1 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-6308.

★**Brown Bag Lecture: U-M Institute for the Humanities Brown Bag Lunch.** Every Tues. Bring a bag lunch. This month's topics include "Dialectical Variation in Creole Languages" (Feb. 2), South African artist Santu Mokofeng on his own work (Feb. 9), "Arming Black America: Race and Citizenship in the Era of Dred Scott v. Sandford" (Feb.



February 2010 Event Highlights Ann Arbor District Library

All events will take place in the Downtown Library Multi-Purpose Room, unless otherwise noted.



- Wednesday 3 **Women's Heart and Health: Stroke and Cardiovascular Health in Women** discussed by **Dr. Lewis Morgenstern**
7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Thursday 4 **Andrea Lyon** discusses her memoir, **Angel of Death Row: My Life as a Death Penalty Defense Lawyer**
7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Friday 5 **Ben Huh, Founder of failblog.org & icanhascheezburger.com**, discusses being an Internet content connoisseur • **GRADE 6 - ADULT**
7:00 - 8:30 pm



- Sunday 7 **Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads 2010 Jazz Concert • Giant Steps**, featuring **Allan Barnes**, pays tribute to **The Golden Age of Jazz**
2:00 - 3:30 pm
- Tuesday 9 **Who Is Franz Schubert?** discussed by **Jason Geary**, Professor of Musicology at the University of Michigan
7:00 - 8:30 pm



- Wednesday 10 **Approaching Mid-Life with a Positive Attitude** with **Judy Norsigian**, Exec. Director, **Our Bodies Ourselves**, and **Dr. Helen Kales**, Director, **UM Program for Positive Aging**
7:00 - 8:30 pm



- Wednesday 10 **Writing To Get In: The College Application Personal Essay** with **UM Professor Julie Ellison** • **GRADE 9 - ADULT**
7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Thursday 11 **Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads 2010 • Michigan Eats: Local and Regional Foods** with **Yvonne Lockwood**, Curator Emeritus of Folklife at the Michigan State University Museum
7:00 - 8:30 pm



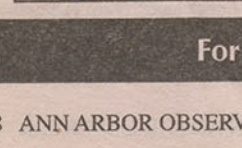
- Monday 15 **Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads 2010 • Current Ecological Issues of the Great Lakes** with **James S. Diana**, Director of the Michigan Sea Grant College Program, University of Michigan
7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Tuesday 16 **Zingerman's Ari Weinzwieg Talks Bacon** • The co-owner of Zingerman's discusses his new book, **Zingerman's Guide To Better Bacon** • **GRADE 6 - ADULT**
7:00 - 8:00 pm



- Wednesday 17 **Pan-Asian Cuisine with Pacific Rim's Chef/Owner Duc Tang** Learn about (and taste!) Pan-Asian cuisine • **GRADE 6 - ADULT**
7:00 - 8:00 pm
- Thursday 18 **Film & Discussion • Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story** (NOT RATED) • **GRADE 9 - ADULT**
6:30 - 8:30 pm



- Thursday 18 **U.S. Citizenship: An Overview** • **Tracy Schauff, Esq.** will highlight the steps in becoming a U.S. citizen • **TRAYERWOOD BRANCH**
7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Saturday 20 **Getting Folks to Lie Well: A Bil Lepp Storytelling Workshop** Nationally-known storyteller shares his secrets! • **GRADE 6 - ADULT**
10:00 am - noon



- Sunday 21 **Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads 2010 • Historic Photographs of Ann Arbor** with **Wylan Stevens** and **Kingsbury Marzolf**
2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Wednesday 24 **Tour the Census Bus** • Learn about the 2010 census at kiosks and computer activities on the bus • **TRAYERWOOD BRANCH**
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Thursday 25 **Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads 2010 • Green Energy In Michigan** Wind and solar energy, biofuels and local initiatives in Michigan
7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Sunday 28 **Ignite Second Stage @ AADL: The Silver Age of American Jewish Music Is Happening Now - And You're Missing It!** Ignite Ann Arbor presenter **Jack Zientz** expands his talk
1:00 - 2:30 pm
- Sunday 28 **Our Own Thing Chorale: A Black History Month Performance of Contemporary Music & Negro Spirituals** led by **Dr. Willis C. Patterson** • **GRADE 6 - ADULT**
4:00 - 5:00 pm

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16), and "Between Insults and Interrogation: The Politics of Recognition in the U.S.-controlled POW Camps of the Korean War" (Feb. 23). For details, see lsa.umich.edu/humin. Noon-1:30 p.m., 202 S. Thayer, room 2022. Free. 936-3518.

★"Kerry Tales: Sweet Songs with Mother Goose": **Kerrytown Shops**. 30-minute family-oriented program of rhymes, riddles, and stories with local storyteller **Trudy Bulkley** as Mother Goose. 2 p.m., **Hollander's**, 407 N. Fifth Ave. (Kerrytown). Free. 769-3115.

★"Groundhog Day Hike": **Legacy Land Conservancy**. A hike followed by hot tea. 4-6 p.m., **Michigan Friends Center**, 7748 Clark Rd. (off Oakridge from Waterloo Rd. west of M-52), Chelsea. Free. 302-5263.

★U-M International Institute Science, Technology, & Society Program. Feb. 2 & 23. Today: U-M anthropology professor **Matthew Hull** discusses "The Speech of Change: Techniques of Democracy from WW II America to Post-Independence Delhi." Also this month: Brazilian Institute for Space Research Earth System Science Center director **Myanna Lahsen** on "Climate Science and Politics in Brazil" (Feb. 23). 4-5:30 p.m., 1014 Tisch, 435 S. State. Free. 647-3766.

Magic: The Gathering Tournament: Get Your Game On. Every Sun. & Tues.-Fri. All invited to compete in tournaments of this popular collectible card game using standard constructed (Sun. & Thurs.), Elder Dragon Highlander (Tues.), Legacy (Wed.), and booster draft (Fri.) decks. Prizes. Bring your own cards Sun.-Thurs. Also, on Feb. 11, a "Worldwake Release Party" (midnight) with a "fat pack" tournament (\$35, includes cards). 6 p.m. (Tues.-Fri.) & 1 p.m. (Sun.). **Get Your Game On**, 709 Packard. \$5 (Tues., free; Fri., \$15 includes cards). 786-3746.

Paul Klinger's Easy Street Jazz Band. Every Tues. Dixieland and swing by this local ensemble led by saxophonist and trumpeter **Klinger**. Cash bar; limited sandwich menu. 6-9 p.m. (doors open at 4 p.m.), **Zal Gaz Grotto**, 2070 W. Stadium. \$10 at the door only. 663-1202.

★**Craft Night: Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room.** All invited for socializing while working on their knitting, embroidery, stitching, or crochet project. Cookies & hot tea (\$3.75 includes refills). 6:30-8:30 p.m., **Crazy Wisdom**, 114 S. Main. Free. 665-2757.

★"Knit Happens": **Ann Arbor Stitch 'n' Bitch.** Every Tues. All knitters invited to work on their current projects and swap knitting tips. 6:30-8:30 p.m., location TBA. Free. 945-3035.

★**Spanish Readers Group: Nicola's Books.** All invited to join a discussion, in Spanish, of *Amarse con los Ojos Abiertos*, Argentine therapists **Jorge Bucay** and **Silvia Salinas**'s novel about a couple that meets through an email mishap. 6:45 p.m., **Nicola's**, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662-0600.

★**Mothers and More.** Feb. 2 & 17. Discussion group for moms who have adjusted their careers to spend more time with their children. Today: a "Preschool Panel," with short talks by representatives from local co-op, private, and other preschools. Also this month: a discussion of "Great Winter Reads" (Feb. 17, 7-9 p.m.) at **Sava's Cafe** (216 S. State). 7-9 p.m., **Pittsfield Senior Center**, 701 W. Ellsworth. Free. 527-6880.

★**Common Thread Knitters Club.** Feb. 2 & 16. All knitters invited to meet members of this local knitting group and exchange tips. 7 p.m., **Arborland Borders**, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.

★**Ann Arbor Area Writers Group.** Every Tues. All local writers invited to bring samples of their writing to read and discuss. Observers welcome. 7-9 p.m., **Arborland Borders**, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 665-8194.

English Country Dancing: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. Every Tues. Historical and traditional English dancing to live music. All dances taught. No partner or experience needed. Bring flat, nonslip shoes (running shoes OK). First-timers are asked to arrive at 7 p.m. 7-9:30 p.m., **Chapel Hill Condominium clubhouse**, 3350 Green Rd. (park on Burbank). \$7 (students, \$4; children age 13 & under with a parent, free). 665-7704.

★**"OMNIBUS" Release: 826michigan.** 826michigan students read from the *OMNIBUS*, their annual collection of poems, stories, and essays written during 826michigan writing programs. Refreshments. 7 p.m., 826michigan, 115 E. Liberty (enter at Liberty Street Robot Supply & Repair). Free. 761-3463.

★**"Spirited: Connect to the Guides All Around You": Waters Place Borders.** Denver psychic **Rebecca Rosen** discusses her new self-help book and gives a group psychic reading. Q&A. Signing. 7 p.m., **Borders**, 3140 Lohr Rd. Free. 997-8884.

★**"Music of the Bad Plus": UMMA.** U-M saxophone professor **Andrew Bishop** and other musicians TBA perform and discuss music in the style of the Bad Plus, as a precursor to the Bad Plus performance (see 4 Thursday listing). 7 p.m., **UMMA Commons**, 525 S. State. Free. 763-UMMA.

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A State of Mind

Socialist surrealism

Like Orwell's 1984 come to life, Daniel Gordon's 2003 film *A State of Mind* documents totalitarianism, complete with ascetic state housing, rations, daily power outages, censorship, and a heavy dose of propaganda. Radios that broadcast state-sanctioned programming are installed in every kitchen. (They may be turned down, but not off.) But this isn't Oceania; it's North Korea. And there is no Winston Smith.

Instead, the protagonists are two young girls, ages eleven and fourteen, whose principal goal in life is to perform in the Mass Games in front of Kim Jong-il, whom they call "the General," or sometimes "our father." Desperate for a Big Brother, they crave the General's gaze. "I long for the day when I will perform for the General," says the older girl. All of their gymnastic training—at least two hours each day of rapid back bends, flips, and twists—is for him.

Adults, too, are in awe of Kim, "who the whole world looks up to." Gordon never



comments on the (literal and figurative) inaccuracy of this statement or others like it. He fears the film may be used to justify invading Korea to "liberate" its citizens. In 2003, a year after George W. Bush coined "axis of evil," fear of a U.S. invasion of North Korea was hardly paranoid, and Pyongyang citizens in the film seem anxious for it. Watching a military parade that would have made Goebbels envious, one of the gymnasts' grandmothers claims "even arrogant Americans tremble with fear when they see this."

This arrogant American was merely mesmerized by the pageantry and scale, the elaborate human mosaic of armies marching in

perfect squares, their movements precise as machines. The parades lead up to the Mass Games, a similar mosaic, no less precise, but far more fluid and colorful and downright surreal. Up to 20,000 gymnasts can be involved in one performance, each a mere speck in the pointillist metaphor for the communist ideal of one united will. I was reminded of Bert Holldobler and E.O. Wilson's *The Superorganism*, in which they argue that ants are not separate organisms but more akin to cells of a much larger creature. Like an ant, with its famous ability to lift fifty times its weight, the gymnasts are superhuman in their contortions and in the speed, precision, and beauty of their movements. The creature they create alternately undulates like a jellyfish and explodes like fireworks.

Gordon also fears the film may be used as communist propaganda. After seeing his footage—what brilliant spectacles can be attained when so many work in unison—I began to see his point. You may judge which of Gordon's fears is most justified when the U-M Center for Korean Studies shows the film at the Michigan Theater February 13.

—Katie Whitney

Film screenings:

Note: Most educational documentaries are listed with the daily Events.

Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth. \$5 suggested donation. 327-0270. 704 Airport Blvd., 8 p.m.

Feb. 13: "Spiritual Cinema." Screening of a feature film or several shorts TBA with spiritual themes. Followed by discussion.

Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice. "Muslim Movie Series." FREE. 663-1870. St. Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard, 7 p.m.

Feb. 11: "Journey into America" (Craig Considine, 2009). Documentary about Muslim scholar Akbar Ahmed and his trip with students across the U.S. to explore the ways American identities have changed since 9/11.

Michigan Theater Foundation. Unless there is a live show in the main theater, 2 or 3 different films are shown, usually twice, almost every night. For complete, updated schedules, see michtheater.org or call 668-TIME. Tickets (unless otherwise noted): \$9 (children, students, seniors, & veterans, \$7; MTF members, \$6.50; Wed., \$6). Michigan Theater, times TBA unless otherwise noted.

Feb. 1: "8½" (Federico Fellini, 1963). Unique, semiautobiographical film about a director's struggles while trying to make a movie. Marcello Mastroianni. Italian, subtitles.

Feb. 1 & 2: "Skin" (Anthony Fabian, 2008). Biopic about Sandra Laing, a South African woman whose race was classified by the government as white and then later reclassified as black. "The Damned United" (Tom Hooper, 2009). Biopic about the contentious 44-day reign of the abrasive Leeds United football coach Brian Clough.

Feb. 1-4: "Crazy Heart" (Scott Cooper, 2009). Drama about an alcoholic country singer who forms a relationship with a sympathetic young journalist. Jeff Bridges, Maggie Gyllenhaal.

Feb. 5-11: "A Single Man" (Tom Ford, 2009). Drama that stars Colin Firth as an L.A. English professor who tries to go about his typical day after the sudden death of his partner.

Feb. 8: "Z" (Costa-Gavras, 1969). Celebrated Oscar-winning political thriller inspired by the assassination of the Greek left-wing politician Gregoris Lambrakis. Yves Montand, Irene Papas, Jean-Louis Trintignant. French, subtitles.

Feb. 12: "Chops" (Bruce Broder, 2009). U-M alum Broder's award-winning documentary about a group of extraordinarily talented Jacksonville (FL) high school jazz musicians who make it to the Essentially Ellington competition at Lincoln Center in New York City. Director Broder introduces the films and hosts a Q&A after the screening. 7 p.m.

Feb. 12 & 16: "The Private Lives of Pippa Lee"

(Rebecca Miller, 2009). Drama that stars Robin Wright Penn as a middle-age woman who suffers a nervous breakdown when her much older husband tries to force her into a retirement home.

Feb. 13: "A State of Mind" (Daniel Gordon, 2004). See review, above. Documentary about 2 North Korean girls who train for the privilege of performing in front of Kim Jong-il at the spectacular Mass Games. Sponsored by the U-M Center for Korean Studies. FREE, 2 p.m.

Feb. 14: "E.T.: The Extra Terrestrial" (Steven Spielberg, 1982). Sci-fi classic about a young boy who befriends a creature from outer space. Kids age 12 & under, FREE. 1:30 p.m. "Pillow Talk" (Michael Gordon, 1959). Kitschastic rom com about a prim interior decorator who doesn't like sharing her telephone party line with a bad-boy songwriter neighbor whose calls to his many lady friends tie up the phone and offend her refined sensibilities. Doris Day, Rock Hudson. 6 p.m.

Feb. 14 & 18: "La Danse" (Frederick Wiseman, 2009). Behind-the-scenes documentary about the Paris Opera Ballet. French, subtitles.

Feb. 15: "The Seven Samurai" (Akira Kurosawa, 1954). Classic story of a 16th-century village that hires professional tough guys to stave off marauding bandits. Japanese, subtitles.

Feb. 19-24: "Oscar Nominated Short Films 2010."

Feb. 22: "Black Orpheus" (Marcel Camus, 1959). Oscar-winning retelling, set in Rio during Carnival, of the ancient Greek myth about a musician who pursues his love into the underworld.

Feb. 24: "William Kunstler: Disturbing the Universe" (Emily & Sarah Kunstler, 2009). Documentary about the directors' father, the controversial civil rights lawyer whose clients included Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr.

Feb. 26 & other dates TBA: "The Last Station" (Michael Hoffman, 2009). Biopic about Tolstoy's final year and his troubled marriage. Christopher Plummer, Helen Mirren.

Feb. 28: "My Fair Lady" (George Cukor, 1964). Multi-Oscar-winning film version of Lerner & Loewe's musical adaptation of Shaw's *Pygmalion*. An arrogant professor sets out to transform a coarse street vendor into a refined lady. This is a sing-along screening with lyrics on screen. Also, a costume parade, goodie bags, and more. Rex Harrison, Audrey Hepburn, Stanley Holloway. 1:30 p.m.

Projectorhead/U-M Screen Arts & Cultures. FREE. 615-0445. UMMA Helmut Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State, 7 p.m.

Feb. 4: "Secret Museums" (Peter Woditsch, 2009). Documentary about erotic art that is often hidden away in museum cellars, warehouses, bank safes, and private homes.

Feb. 11: "The Hermitage Dwellers" (Aliona van der Horst, 2003). Documentary about people who work in Russia's renowned Hermitage Museum.

Feb. 18: "Russian Ark" (Aleksandr Sokurov, 2002). Documentary shot in a single 90-minute take that winds its way through the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg.

Temple Beth Emeth. FREE. 665-4744. 2309 Packard, 1 p.m.

Feb. 9: "A Price above Rubies" (Boaz Yakin, 1998). An Orthodox Jewish wife rebels against the constraints of her life. Renee Zellweger.

UMMA. FREE. 763-8662. UMMA Helmut Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State, different times.

Feb. 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 23, 26, & 28: "Herb and Dorothy." Documentary about postal clerk Herb Vogel and librarian Dorothy Vogel, who built a huge contemporary art collection with their modest income. In conjunction with the current exhibit *The Dorothy and Herbert Vogel Collection: Fifty Works for Fifty States*. 3 p.m. (Sun.) & 9:30 p.m. (Fri. & Tues.).

U-M Center for Chinese Studies. Chinese Documentary Film Series. FREE. 764-6308. Angell Hall Auditorium A (entrance at the Fishbowl on the east side of the bldg.), 7 p.m. Mandarin, subtitles.

Feb. 6: "Daughters of Wisdom" (Bari Pearlman, 2007). Documentary about life in rural Tibet seen through the eyes of some 300 monastic nuns.

Feb. 20: "At Home in the World" (Wu Wenguang, 1995). Documentary about 5 Beijing artists featured in Wenguang's acclaimed *Bumming in Beijing* who are now scattered around the world.

U-M Center for Russian & East European Studies. FREE. 764-0351. UMMA Helmut Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State. 6-7:30 p.m.

Feb. 7: "Dekalog po Dekaloga" (2008). Screening of 4 of a series of 10 documentary films inspired by Krzysztof Kieslowski's *Dekalog* series of films about sin in the lives of ordinary Warsaw citizens. Polish, subtitles.

U-M Japanese Animation Film Society. U-M campus admission policy: No one under 18 admitted without an adult. FREE. umichanime.com. MLB, 812 E. Washington at Thayer, 10 a.m.-midnight.

Feb. date TBA: "Animania." Monthly anime-athon of feature films and episodes from TV series.

WCBN-FM. FREE admission. 763-3500. Arbor Brewing Company (114 E. Washington), 8:30 p.m. **Feb. 10: "Ladies & Gentlemen, the Fabulous Stains"** (Lou Adler, 1982). Comic drama about a very inexperienced all-female punk trio that becomes an overnight sensation. Diane Lane, Marin Kanter, Laura Dern.

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★**Ann Arbor Camera Club.** Feb. 2 & 16. Tonight: Local photographer Greg Czarnecki discusses "Redefining the Frame: New Ways of Seeing." Also, club members show their recent digital and traditional slides on various topics, including this month's assignment, "Portraits." Also this month: members show their recent prints (Feb. 16). 7:30 p.m., *Wines Elementary School auditorium* (Feb. 2), 1701 Newport, & *Forsythe Middle School media center* (Feb. 16), 1655 Newport. Free. 327-4781.

★**"Triple Double Trivia": The Arena.** Every Tues. All invited to try a wide-ranging trivia quiz for prizes. Bonus points awarded for "stupid human tricks" like drinking beer upside down. 10 p.m., *the Arena*, 203 E. Washington. Free. 222-9999.

3 WEDNESDAY

★**Storytime: Waters Place Borders.** Every Wed.-Fri. Borders staff read from books for infants, babies, and toddlers. 10 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) & 6:30 p.m. (Thurs.), *Borders*, 3140 Lohr Rd. Free. 997-8884.

★**"The Taste of Ann Arbor No-Mile Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Feb. 3 & 17. Riders meet for lunch at different restaurants the 1st and 3rd Wed. through the winter. 11:30 a.m., *location TBA*. Free. Pay for your own lunch. 662-5052.

★**Brown Bag Lecture Series: U-M Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies.** Every Wed. except Feb. 17. Bring a bag lunch. Lectures by visiting scholars. Topics include "Nostalgia in Post-Socialist Russia: Exploring Applications to Advertising Strategy" (Feb. 3), "Foreign Confessions in Foreign Contexts: Religion across the Border of the Russian Empire" (Feb. 10), and "Is Military Reform in Russia for Real? Yes, but..." (Feb. 24). Noon-1 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-0351.

★**Brown Bag Organ Series: U-M School of Music.** Feb. 3 & 17. Program TBA by local organists *Mara Terwilliger* (Feb. 3) and *Timothy Huth* (Feb. 17). Bring a bag lunch. 12:15 p.m., *U-M School of Public Health Community Room*, 109 S. Observatory. Free. 764-0594.

★**ACBL Duplicate Bridge: Ann Arbor Senior Center.** Every Wed. & Thurs. All seniors age 50 & over invited to play ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge. Bring a partner. 12:45-4:15 p.m. (Wed.) & noon-4 p.m. (Thurs.), *Ann Arbor Senior Center*, 1320 Baldwin. \$5. 769-5911.

★**Chess: U-M Turner Senior Resource Center.** Every Wed. All seniors invited to play chess. Refreshments. 1-4 p.m., *Turner*, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998-9353.

★**"Disquieting Traces: Critical Reflections on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission": U-M Center for Korean Studies.** Sung Kong Hoe University (Seoul) sociology professor Dong-Choon Kim discusses the South Korean truth commission. 4 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-1825.

★**Scrabble: Ann Arbor Scrabblers.** Every Wed. All invited to play this popular word game. Bring a set, if you have one. 5-8 p.m., *Arbor Brewing*, 114 E. Washington. Free. 994-0084.

★**"Signs of a Warming Climate: Is It Later than We Think?": U-M Exhibit Museum.** Talk by U-M ecology and evolutionary biology professor Philip Myers. 5 p.m., *U-M Exhibit Museum*, 1109 Geddes at North University. Free. 764-0478.

★**Storytime: Arborland Borders.** Every Wed. & Fri. A Borders staffer reads stories and leads a craft project for toddlers. Raffle. 6:30 p.m. (Wed.) & 11 a.m. (Fri.), *Borders*, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.

★**Ann Arbor Bridge Club.** Every Wed. All invited to play ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge. If you plan to come without a partner, call in advance or arrive 20 minutes early. 7-11 p.m., *Walden Hills clubhouse*, 2114 Pauline west of Maple. (Park on the north side of Pauline.) \$6 per person. 623-8050.

★**Children's Writers Group.** Feb. 3 & 17. All local children's writers invited to discuss their work. 7 p.m., *Arborland Borders*, 3527 Washtenaw. Free. 677-6948.

★**"Women's Heart and Health: Stroke and Cardiovascular Health in Women": Ann Arbor District Library.** Talk by U-M Stroke Program director Lewis Morgenstern. 7-8:30 p.m., *AADL multipurpose room*, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

★**Works-in-Progress Series: Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room.** Feb. 3 & 17. Featured writers read from their current work. Tonight: U-M creative writing lecturer *Michael Shilling*, author of the acclaimed rock 'n' roll novel *Rock Bottom*, reads from his novel-in-progress *The Hierophant*, and Hopwood-winning U-M creative writing grad *Dana Kletter* reads from her fiction. 7-9:30 p.m., *Crazy Wisdom*, 114 S. Main. Free. 665-2757.

★**Elizabeth Kostova: Nicola's Books.** See review, p. 31. This U-M grad and best-selling novelist discusses *The Swan Thieves*, her new novel about a psychiatrist whose orderly life unravels as he works with the most challenging patient of his career, a genius

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Elizabeth Kostova

The glory and terror of obsession

Obsession. It is one of the great cultural themes. Most of us have probably felt some form of it, usually mild, for a person, our work, an art form, or an idea. When we recover our "normal" perspective, we may look back at our period of obsession and catch a hint of the glory and the terror of monomania. Former Ann Arborite and best-selling novelist Elizabeth Kostova has chosen this theme for her second novel, *The Swan Thieves*.

The millions who read her first book, *The Historian*, will remember how one embodied idea—in that case, a vampire—came down through the centuries, focusing our sense that the past never really disappears, that it stays with us constantly, forming and vivifying the moment. In *The Swan Thieves* actual objects—paintings—carry the weight of history into the present, directing passion and transporting their emotions through the centuries.

The novel begins when Robert Oliver, a brilliantly disturbed contemporary painter, tries to destroy a painting in the National Gallery, a comparatively obscure rendering of the "Leda and the Swan" motif done in the period of the French Impressionists. Oliver, who has chosen not to speak, is confined in a psychiatric hospital, where he paints, over and over again, the remarkably lifelike portrait of a woman no one alive has ever seen.

His doctor, one Andrew Marlowe (the echo of Joseph Conrad is intentional), himself a Sunday painter who has not quite abandoned his youthful passion for the art, begins to try to reconstruct Oliver's past, first in an effort to help his patient, and then for reasons reflecting his own psychology.

While Marlowe looks through Oliver's life, he slowly uncovers the story behind the painting of "Leda and the Swan." And there Kostova creates a second story, one that takes place in France in the last part of the nineteenth century, with characters that engage



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us completely in their loves and loyalties, even as they raise very real issues about the role of women in art. Slowly but inexorably, the nineteenth-century story takes over the novel, until it reenters the twenty-first with resounding effects on the characters.

Kostova, who reads from *The Swan Thieves* at Nicola's on Wednesday, February 3, has an extraordinary ability to create that sense of time continuing, haunting us in its own frightening and wonderful way. It is the atmosphere of both her novels, and in this one she invokes this sense very early. On the second page, she describes the figure of a woman captured in an Impressionist painting: "She is a real woman and she is in a hurry, but now she is also fixed forever. Now she is frozen in her haste. She is a real woman and now she is a painting." More than 500 pages later we come back to her, knowing so much more about her, where she's going, and what she's thinking. And Kostova has made her live.

—Keith Taylor

painter who has attacked a painting at the National Gallery. The psychiatrist's efforts to understand his tormented patient eventually lead to a tragedy at the heart of French Impressionism. Signing. 7 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662-0600.

***History of Books & Printing Reading Group:** Motte & Bailey, Booksellers. All invited to join a discussion of *An Illuminated Life: Belle da Costa Greene's Journey from Prejudice to Privilege*, Heidi Ardizzone's biography of J.P. Morgan's librarian. Refreshments. 7:30-9 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 212 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 669-0451.

***Concert Band:** U-M School of Music. Rodney Dorsey conducts this music student ensemble in Gordon Binkerd's *Noble Numbers*, Persichetti's *O Cool Is the Valley*, Etezady's *Tiktaalik*, Kenneth Hesketh's *Danceries*, and Sousa's "The Black Horse Troop." 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764-0594.

***Faculty Chamber Music Recital:** U-M School of Music. A U-M music faculty quartet—violinists Aaron Berofsky and Yehonatan Berick, violist Kathryn Votapek, and cellist Richard Aaron—perform Mozart's String Quartet in B-Flat Major, Ravel's String Quartet, and Schubert's Cello Quintet. 8 p.m., U-M Walgreen Drama Center Stamps Auditorium, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

Lambis Vassiliadis: Kerrytown Concert House. Program TBA by this award-winning Greek pianist. 8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$10-\$25 (students, \$5). Reservations recommended. 769-2999.

"Chili's Comedy Dojo": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. Fast-paced show featuring stand-up comedy by 15 recent graduates of veteran comic and *Tonight Show* writer Chili Challis's Comedy Dojo. 8 p.m., old VFW Hall (below Seva restaurant), 314 E. Liberty. \$5 in advance and at the door. 996-9080.

"Juke Box Jungle": Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub. Every Wed. Conor O'Neill's staff member Brian Aherne hosts a music trivia quiz. Prizes. 9-11:30 p.m., Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. \$3 team fee. 665-2968.

Wednesdays @ Michigan Union: Swing Ann Arbor. Feb. 3, 10, & 17. Swing dancing to prerecorded music. No partner needed. Bring casual or nicer shoes that stay on your feet when you're active. Preceded by intermediate swing (7:30 p.m.) and beginning swing (8:30 p.m.) lessons. 9:30-11 p.m., Michigan Union-Pendleton Room (occasionally Ballroom or U-Club). \$5 (students, \$4) includes lessons. 945-8428.

4 THURSDAY

***Thursday Lunch Bunch:** Jewish Community Center. Every Thurs. Activities, primarily for seniors, begin at 10 a.m. with "Energy Exercise" (\$4), a 60-minute exercise program led by Maria Farquhar. An 11 a.m. **Current Events** discussion group led by Heather Dombey is followed at noon by a homemade dairy lunch (\$3 with reservation, \$4 without reservation and for nonseniors) and at 1 p.m. by a cultural or educational program. Today: Elliott Gertel presents "So Near and Yet So Foreign: An Illustrated Tour of the Jewish Renaissance in Cuba," a program about a humanitarian mission to the Jewish community in Cuba. Also this month: Don Devine and David Owens present "The Happiness Boys" (Feb. 11), a performance inspired by famous vaudeville duo Billy Jones and Ernest Hare. Elder law specialist Janet Basset leads a discussion of "Legal Aspects of Aging for Seniors and Their Families" (Feb. 18). Michigan Theater executive director Russ Collins offers an "Academy Awards Preview" (Feb. 25). 10 a.m.-3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. 971-0990.

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James Geary

James Geary—author of the bestseller *The World in a Phrase: A Brief History of the Aphorism* and *Geary's Guide to the World's Greatest Aphorisms*—discusses aphorisms, and presents a mix of memoir, literary history, and live juggling. With support from the Institute for the Humanities

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FEB. 12 - Mar. 12

EXHIBITION: **Disillusion**

This exhibition examines the interplay of illusion and dis-illusion. While traditional forms of visual illusion create a non-reality, disillusion destroys a reality.

Work • Ann Arbor, 306 S. State

Exhibition Reception: February 12, 6:00 - 9:00pm



FEB. 18

PENNY W. STAMPS SPEAKER SERIES:

Saskia Olde Wolbers

Winner of the Balaise Prize and the Beck's Future Prize, Saskia Olde Wolbers narrative videos poetically expand the limits of the real. With support from UMMA, Department of Screen Arts and Cultures, the Ann Arbor Film Festival, and MOCAD.

5:10pm - Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty



JAN. 15 - FEB. 26

EXHIBITION: **A&D Faculty Exhibition**

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JAN. 22 - FEB. 26

EXHIBITION: **FUNNY (not funny)**

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★**Gifts of Art:** U-M Hospitals. Every Thurs. Performances by area and guest musicians. Today: Irish folk music by the duo of singer-songwriter Kitty Donohoe and dulcimer player Doug Berch. Also this month: love songs by mezzo-soprano Terry Meerkov (Feb. 11), African American spirituals by singer Tiana Marquez (Feb. 18), and traditional jazz by Swinging Strings and guest pianist James Dapogny (Feb. 25). 12:10 p.m. (except as noted), U-M Hospital lobby, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr. (off Fuller). Free. 936-ARTS.

★**In Good Company African American Book Club:** Nicola's Books. All invited to join a discussion of *Leila: The Weighted Silence of Memory*, Heather Neff's novel about a 12-year-old girl who's sold into prostitution to pay her father's debts. 4 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662-0600.

★**"The Balkans in Greece, Greece in the Balkans after 1989: Observations through Film":** U-M Modern Greek Program Pallas Lecture. Lecture by Columbia University Modern Greek literature & culture professor Vangelis Calotychos. 4 p.m., 3308 Modern Languages, 812 E. Washington. Free. 936-6099.

★**"Christine de Pizan and Embodied Politics at the Court of Charles VI":** U-M Romance Languages & Literatures. Lecture by University of Western Ontario sociology professor Tracy Adams. De Pizan was a protofeminist medieval French poet. 4 p.m., Modern Languages Common Room (4th floor), 812 E. Washington. Free. 764-5344.

★**U-M Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies Lecture Series:** Feb. 4 & 18. Talks by U-M and visiting scholars. Today: U-M history and anthropology professor Thomas Trautmann on "Does India Have History? Does History Have India?" Feb. 18: Rutgers University history professor T.J. Lears on "Making a Spectacle of Ourselves: Rethinking the American Sublime." 4-6 p.m., 1014 Tisch Hall, 435 S. State. Free. 615-7400.

★**"Conversations on Europe":** U-M Center for European Studies. Feb. 4, 11, & 18. Talks by visiting scholars. Topics include "Who's in Charge? How Voters Attribute Responsibility in the European Union" (Feb. 4), "The Unfinished Business of the Spanish Transition to Democracy" (Feb. 11), and "Enhancing Democracy in the EU: Merits and Deficiencies of the Union's Multi-Track Approach" (Feb. 18). 4-5:30 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 647-2743.

★**"Intersections of Race, Ethnicity, Class, and Health":** U-M School of Public Health. Lecture by U-M health behavior and health education professor Amy Schulz. 4:30 p.m., 1690 SPH I, 1415 Washington Hts. Free. 936-1257.

★**"Thursday Night Rush Hour Relief":** Cranbrook Whole Foods Market. Feb. 4, 11, & 18. Whole Foods staffers discuss wine. Also, tastings and small plates of food. Today: Spanish Reds. Also this month: "Wines That Love Seafood" (Feb. 11), and "Wines of Southern France" (Feb. 18). Also, beer tastings (\$1 tastes, \$3 pints) at 5 p.m. with representatives from New Holland Brewing Company (Feb. 5) and the Milan Original Gravity Brewing Company (Feb. 19), and a demo of "Decadent Valentine's Desserts" (\$5 includes a \$5 Whole Foods gift card) on Feb. 4. 5-7 p.m., Whole Foods wine bar, 990 W. Eisenhower Pkwy., Cranbrook Village shopping center. \$17. 997-7500.

★**U-M School of Art & Design Penny Stamps Lecture Series:** Feb. 4, 11, & 18. Talks by experts in their field. Today: "Yes Is More," a lecture by Bjarke Ingels, an award-winning young architect whose work is known for its shrewd analysis, playful experimentation, social responsibility, and humor. Feb. 11: best-selling London writer and journalist James Geary on "Metaphors & Aphorisms." Feb. 18: "Now That Part of Me Has Become Fiction." Video artist Saskia Olde Wolbers screens and discusses some of her experimental films that use unstable and abstract miniature film sets with no actors. 5:10 p.m., Michigan Theater. Free. 647-2337.

★**U-M English Department Zell Visiting Writers Series:** Feb. 4, 11, & 18 (different programs). Readings by poets and fiction writers. Today: Fiction reading by Adam Haslett, an acclaimed short story writer whose 2003 best-selling collection, *You Are Not a Stranger Here*, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. 5:10 p.m., U-M Museum of Art Helmut Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State. Free. 615-3710. 764-0395.

★**Board Game Night: Get Your Game On.** Every Thurs. & Sat. All invited to bring a favorite board game or play one of the store's. 6 p.m., *Get Your Game On*, 709 Packard. Free. 786-3746.

★**Team USA Under-17 vs. Lincoln Stars.** The Ann Arbor-based USA Hockey national development team plays this U.S. Hockey League rival. Team USA Under-17 also has USHL matches this month against the Cedar Rapids Rough Riders (Feb. 19 & 20, 7 p.m.) and the Indiana Ice (Feb. 26, 7 p.m.). Team USA Under-18 has a USHL match against the Lincoln Stars (Feb. 5, 3 p.m.). 7 p.m., Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Dr. at Scio Church Rd. \$12 (seniors, students, & children, \$6; kids under 5, free). 327-9251.

★**Euchre: Out Loud Chorus Fund-Raiser.** All invited to compete in a euchre tournament. 7 p.m., *Shaul's Cabaret & Gallery*, 325 Braun Ct. \$10. 663-0036.

★**Ann Arbor Go Club.** Every Sun. & Thurs. Players of all skill levels invited to play what's regarded as the world's most difficult board game. No partner necessary. Boards and stones provided. 7 p.m.-midnight (Thurs.) & 1-6 p.m. (Sun.), Espresso Royale, 322 S. State. Free. 417-5547.

★**ACBL Bridge: Ann Arbor City Club.** Every Thurs. All invited to play ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge. No partner required. 7 p.m., Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. \$5. 761-6691.

★**"Gemstones from A to Z":** Huron Hills Lapidary & Mineral Society. Video screening. Nonmembers welcome. 7 p.m., West Side United Methodist Church social hall, 900 S. Seventh St. Free. 665-5574.

★**Health Talks: Washtenaw Whole Foods Market.** Feb. 4, 9, 15, 16, & 17. Talks by Whole Foods staffers and local health practitioners. Today: chiropractor Rob Borer on "TMJ/TMD: Temporomandibular Joint Disorder." Also this month: chiropractor Darren Schmidt on "Feeding Arteries/Heart" (Feb. 9), holistic health practitioner Cindy Klement on "Medications and Nutrient Absorption" (Feb. 15), Whole Foods staffer and health counselor Peter Beyer on "Are Carbohydrates the Enemy?" (Feb. 16, \$10), and chiropractor Mark Perlmutter on "All about Trans Fats" (Feb. 17). 7 p.m., Whole Foods Cooking & Lifestyles Classroom, 3135 Washtenaw. Free (except as noted). Preregistration required. 975-4500.

★**"Natural Health and Raw Food":** Living Yoga. Lecture-demo by local raw foods advocate Ellen Livingston. 7-8:30 p.m. Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. Preregistration required. 994-9174.

★**"For the Love of Books: An Evening Glimpse into the Book World":** Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room. Talks about compelling forthcoming books by HarperCollins sales rep (and *Publishers Weekly* 2007 Sales Rep of the Year) Kate McKune and Andy Holcomb of Fujii Associates, which represents Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Workman, and other publishers. 7-8:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 665-2757.

★**"Angel of Death Row: My Life as a Death Penalty Lawyer":** Ann Arbor District Library. Attorney and U-M visiting clinical law professor Andrea Lyon, a nationally recognized expert in the field of death penalty defense, discusses her memoir. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4553.

★**The Bad Plus: University Musical Society.** Acclaimed trio whose music blends traditional jazz with pop and rock influences. Its repertoire includes both jazz standards and songs by everyone from Blondie and David Bowie to Nirvana and Radiohead. "The Bad Plus are the Coen Brothers of jazz," says a *New Yorker* review. "Midwesterners, both ironic and dead earnest, technically brilliant, beyond versatile, a little chilly sometimes, but funny, surprising, and pretty hard to pin down." Members are pianist Ethan Iverson, bassist Reid Anderson, and drummer Dave King. 7 & 9:30 p.m., Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 North University. Tickets \$30 & \$40 in advance at the Michigan League and ums.org, and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

★**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee":** Encore Musical Theatre Company. Feb. 4-7, 11-14, & 18-21. Daniel Cooney directs William Finn and Rachael Sheinkin's 2004 one-act musical comedy about 6 anxiously overachieving adolescents competing in a spelling bee run by 3 adults who have barely managed to escape childhood themselves. Cast: Jeffrey James Binney, Christine Bunuan, Steve DeBruyne, Tobin Hissong, Elizabeth Jaffe, Sonja Marquis, Colleen Meyer, Thalia Schramm, Chris Shewchenko, and Evan Williams. 7 p.m. (Thurs. & Feb. 14), 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), & 3 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), Encore, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. Tickets \$28 (seniors & students, \$25; groups of 10 or more, \$22) in advance at theencoretheatre.org and at the door. 268-6200.

★**"After Ashley":** U-M Basement Arts. Feb. 4-6. Emilie Samuelson directs U-M students in Gina

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Gionfriddo's dark comedy about a teenage boy thrust into the media spotlight after his mother is murdered. 7 p.m., U-M Walgreen Drama Center Studio One, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. Free. basement. studentorgs.umich.edu

Ann Arbor Ski Club. Feb. 4 & 18. All age 21 & over invited to learn about the club's downhill and cross-country ski and snowboarding outings and other social activities. Followed by a talent show (Feb. 4) and Valentine dance party (Feb. 18). Refreshments. 7:30-10:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. \$5. 786-2237.

Israeli Dancing: Jewish Community Center. Every Thurs. Dance instructor Cheryl Felt and DJ Amnon Steiner lead a variety of Israeli dancing to recorded music. Easy dances and oldies the first hour, followed by intermediate dances and requests. Beginners welcome. New dances taught each week. 7:30-10 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). \$5 (students, free). 971-0990.

"How Great Leaders Lead": St. Mary Student Parish Gabriel Richard Lectures. Talk by Chris Lowney, a former Jesuit seminarian who was also managing director of J.P. Morgan and wrote *Heroic Leadership: Best Practices from a 450-Year-Old Company*. 7:30 p.m., St. Mary Student Parish, 133 Thompson St. Free. 663-0557.

"(Re)Visionary Dances": U-M Dance Company. Feb. 4-7. This U-M dance-student company presents a program highlighted by a revival of *Le Sacre du Printemps* (The Rehearsal), the iconic modern dance choreographer Paul Taylor's 1980 adaptation of Stravinsky's seminal modernist ballet, a blend of stylized movement with a melancholy wit whose two parallel narratives juxtapose the daily rituals and intrigues of a touring dance company and a Runyon-esque detective story set in Chinatown. It is set to a live performance of Stravinsky's 1947 adaptation of his score for 4-hand piano. Also, new group works by U-M dance professors Amy Chavasse, Jessica Fogel, and Sandra Torijano. Chavasse's *Hunger for the Craving for the Longing for the Aching* (a biased history of seduction) is a Busby Berkeley-like pastiche set to 4 very different versions of Woody Guthrie's "This Land Is Your Land." Fogel's *Out of Thin Air: Lightness* is inspired by theoretical physicist Frank Wilczek's description of space as a "dance of intricate patterns within an effervescent medium." It is set to a digital collage of text and music by sound designer Michelle Chamuel. Torijano's *La Luna Nueva* envisions the overcoming of adversity as a process of personal transformation, set to music by Philip Glass, Villa-Lobos, and Bach. 7:30 p.m., Power Center. Tickets \$18 & \$24 (students, \$9) in advance at the Michigan League Box Office and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538.

"Moon Over Buffalo": Community High School Ensemble Theater. Feb. 4-7. Phil Walker directs Community High students in Ken Ludwig's madcap farce about a washed-up B-movie acting couple touring the 1950s theatrical circuit. They get an unexpected last stab at stardom when they learn that a major director plans to attend one of their performances, but everything that could go wrong does. 7:30 p.m., Community High School Craft Theater, 401 N. Division. (Parking available in the lot behind the school, N. Fifth Ave. at Detroit St.) Tickets \$15 (students, kids, & seniors, \$10) at the door only. Info: call Jennifer at 662-1693.

"K2": Performance Network Professional Season. Every Thurs.-Sun., through Feb. 7. Tim Rhoze directs Patrick Meyer's drama about the survival struggle of 2 men stranded on the world's 2nd highest and most savage mountain without supplies, with a storm approaching, and with one of them sporting a broken leg. Stars John Manfredi and James Bowen. 8 p.m., Performance Network, 120 E. Huron. \$27 & \$29 (Thurs.), \$32 & \$34 (Fri. & Sun.), \$25 & \$27 (Sat. matinee), \$39 & \$41 (Sat. eve.). \$3 discount for seniors age 60 & over. Tickets available in advance at performancenetwork.org & by phone, and at the door. \$10 student discount in advance, half-price student tickets at the door only. For reservations, call 663-0681; to charge by phone, call 663-0696.

Geechy Guy: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. Feb. 4-6. A co-winner with Kids in the Hall of the 1992 Comedy Artist of the Year award, this gangly monologist is known for his odd observations and bizarre sense of humor. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all Fri. & Sat. early shows are nonsmoking. 8 p.m., 314 E. Liberty (below Seva restaurant). \$7 (Thurs.) & \$10 (Fri. & Sat.) reserved seating in advance, \$9 (Thurs.) & \$12 (Fri. & Sat.) general admission at the door. 996-9080.

5 FRIDAY

"Kinderconcert: Music and Motion": Ann Arbor District Library. Local early childhood educator Gari Stein, director of Music for Little Folks, and Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra trumpeter Jason Bergman lead kids from babies through age 5 (accompanied by an adult) in a program that includes

storytelling and dancing to live music. Participants also learn about the instruments. Accompanist is pianist Kathryn Goodson. 9:30-10 & 10:30-11 a.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-8301.

***1st Friday Brown Bag Concert Series: Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts.** AASPA wind, string, and piano faculty perform works in a variety of genres. Bring a bag lunch. Noon, Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts, 637 S. Main. Free. 213-2000.

***Noon Lecture Series: U-M Center for Southeast Asian Studies.** Feb. 5, 12, & 19. Talks by visiting scholars. Topics include "Women in Southeast Asian Islam" (Feb. 5 & 19) and gender and sexuality in Thailand (Feb. 12). 12:10 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 764-0352.

***Movie Matinee: Ann Arbor Senior Center.** Every Fri. Screening of a film TBA. Lunch available (\$2.50), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769-5911.

13th Annual Sphinx Honors Concert. Young musicians from around the country are featured in works TBA in this national competition for more than \$100,000 in prizes that supports young African American and Latino classical musicians. The soloists are accompanied by the Sphinx Symphony Orchestra, and the Harlem Quartet, an ensemble of previous Sphinx Competition winners. 2 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Tickets \$12 in advance at sphinxmusic.org, and at the door. (313) 877-9100, ext. 713.

***Winter Carnival: Chelsea American Legion Post 31.** Feb. 5-7. Three days of competitive ice fishing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and other winter fun at Cavanaugh Lake. Also, a euchre tournament (\$5 entry fee; prizes) on Feb. 5 and a chili cook-off (2 p.m.) and dancing to live music TBA (7 p.m.-midnight) on Feb. 6. Refreshments, breakfasts, and light lunches available. 4 p.m.-midnight (Feb. 5), 7 a.m.-midnight (Feb. 6), & 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (Feb. 7), American Legion Hall, 1700 Ridge Rd. (off Cavanaugh Lake Rd. from Kalmbach Rd. north from I-94 exit 156), Chelsea. Free admission. 475-1964.

***"Reading Crisis: Mahasweta Devi and the Politics of Survival": U-M Center for South Asian Studies.** U-M English professor Jennifer Wenzel discusses this Indian social activist and writer. 4 p.m., 1636 SSWB, 1080 South University. Free. 615-4059.

***AXIS Coffeehouse: Ann Arbor District Library.** Every Fri., through Feb. 12. All kids in grades 6-12 invited to perform their own poetry or monologue, or a favorite by another writer, or just to sip a hot drink and listen. 6:30-8 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327-4200.

***"Cripple Poetics: A Love Story": Common Language Bookstore.** Acclaimed poet and performance artist Neil Marcus and U-M English, women's studies, and theater professor Petra Kupperts, both disabled performers, read from their 2008 memoir. "With humor, feeling, and sexy vibes, Petra and Neil open up their intimate life to readers, and the result is a postmodern, crip version of Robert and Elizabeth Browning," says University of Illinois disability studies professor Lennard Davis. Signing & reception. Time TBA, ShvauA Cabaret & Gallery, 325 Braun Ct. Free. 663-0036.

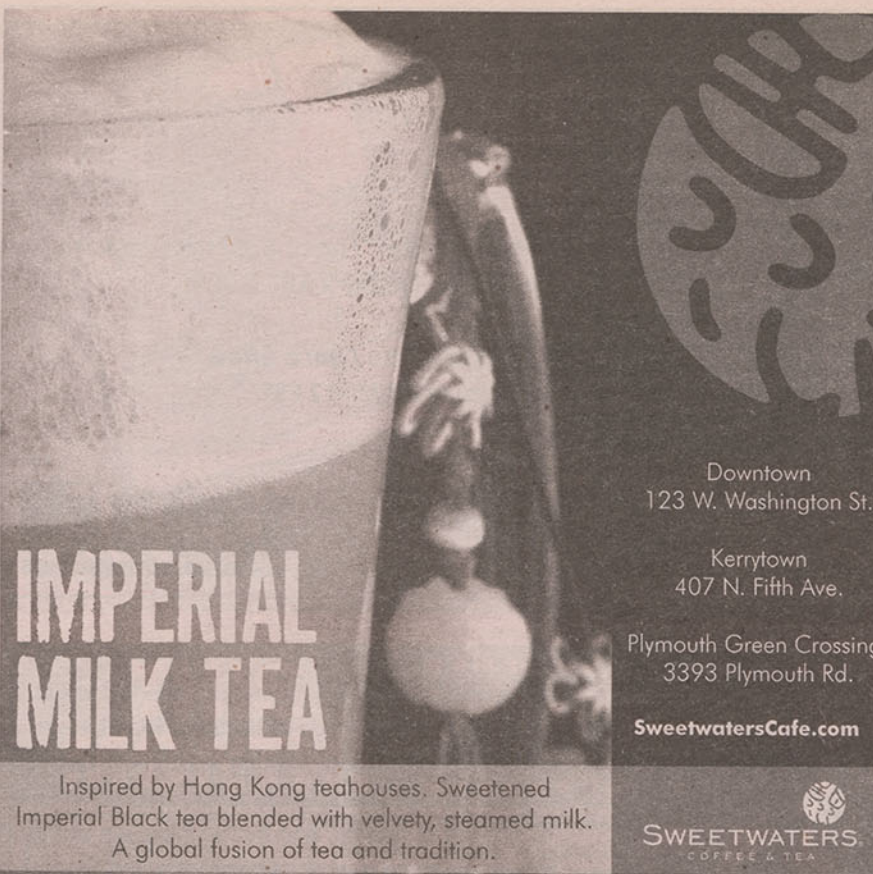
***Ben Huh: Ann Arbor District Library.** This influential Internet entrepreneur discusses his career. He is the founder of Pet Holdings, a web company which owns I Can Has Cheezburger?, FAIL Blog, and other popular novelty blogs. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

Dances of Universal Peace (Sufi Dancing). All invited to join in song, chant, and circle dances in joyous affirmation of the unity of the world's spiritual traditions. 7-9 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill. \$5 requested donation. 332-7964.

"B-School Follies": U-M Business School. Feb. 5 & 6. Musical comedy revue by U-M business school students. 7 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$20 in advance at the business school Executive Residence lounge and at the door. 668-8397.

***"After Ashley": U-M Basement Arts.** See 4 Thursday. 7 & 11 p.m.

"The Midnight Caller": Skyline High School. Feb. 5 & 6. Anne-Marie Roberts directs Skyline students in Horton Foote's 1957 one-act drama, set in a small coastal Texas town, about a young woman who moves into a boarding house with 3 spinsters when her engagement to a charming but weak-willed young man is broken off by their mothers. Her heart-sick former fiancé appears at her window every night to serenade her, but her attentions are claimed by an attractive newcomer who moves into the boarding house. "This one-act is flawlessly balanced, thanks to Foote's ear for the lives of all the characters, not just for a romantic triangle," says *Curtain Up* reviewer Laura Hitchcock. 7:30 p.m., Skyline, 2552 N. Maple. Tickets \$5 in advance at showtix4u.com and at the door. 994-6515.



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"Guys and Dolls": Burns Park Players 26th Annual Production. Feb. 5, 6, & 11-13. Burns Park Elementary School students, parents, and friends—a group cited by former *Ann Arbor News* drama critic Chris Potter as one of the best theater groups in town—perform this popular Frank Loesser musical based on Damon Runyan's stories and characters. Set in New York City in the 1930s, the action focuses on 2 contrasting romances, one a long-running liaison between a nightclub singer and a professional gambler and the other an unlikely affair between a high roller and a Salvation Army sister. The lively score includes such classics as "Luck Be a Lady," "A Bushel and a Peck," "If I Were a Bell," and "Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat." Proceeds benefit children's cultural arts programs. These shows almost always sell out, so get tickets early. *Note:* A Feb. 4 dress rehearsal is open to the public (\$5 at the door only). 7:30 p.m., Tappan Middle School auditorium, 2251 E. Stadium Blvd. at Packard. Tickets \$15 in advance at Morgan & York (1928 Packard) and (if available) at the door. \$30 patron tickets available in advance by emailing colleenkollman@aol.com or by calling 478-0449. 662-0798.

"Eurydice": Pioneer High School Theatre Guild. Feb. 5 & 6. Julia Glander and Aaron Moore direct Pioneer students in Sarah Ruhl's dramatic reimagining of the Orpheus myth through the eyes of his wife, Eurydice, who dies on her wedding day and must journey to the underworld. 7:30 p.m., Pioneer High School Schreiber Auditorium, 601 W. Stadium at Main. \$6 at the door only. 994-2191.

"Moon Over Buffalo": Community High School Ensemble Theater. See 4 Thursday. 7:30 p.m.

★Advanced Study Group: Rudolf Steiner Study Circle of Ann Arbor. Feb. 5 & 19. All invited to join an ongoing discussion of Rudolf Steiner's *Sleep and Dreams*. Familiarity with Steiner's basic ideas required. 8-9:30 p.m., 1923 Geddes (Feb. 5) & location TBA (Feb. 19). Free. 944-4903.

Singles Dance: Parents Without Partners. Feb. 5 & 19. All singles invited for an evening of dancing and socializing. Recorded 70s to contemporary dance music played by DJ Mike Jackson. Cash bar. Smoking allowed in designated areas. Preceded at 8 p.m. by free dance lessons. All encouraged to wear red for the Feb. 5 "Happy Hearts" dance. 8 p.m.-midnight, Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium. \$8 (PWP members, \$6). 433-1668.

★EMU Symphony Orchestra: EMU Music Department. Kevin Miller conducts this music student orchestra in a performance of Mozart's Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra featuring clarinetist Ivan Ivanov, winner of the EMU concerto competition. Also, EMU music professor Anthony Iannaccone's *Dancing on Vesuvius* and Shostakovich's Symphony no. 5. 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

★"Images Real, Remembered, and Imagined": U-M Symphony Band. Michael Haithcock conducts this music student ensemble in a program highlighted by the world premiere of Joel Puckett's Concerto for Flute, with U-M flute professor Amy Porter. The program also includes acclaimed contemporary composer Joan Tower's *Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman*, Holst's *Hammersmith*, Narong Prangcharoen's *Chakra*, and Copland's *Red Pony Suite*. The music is preceded at 7:15 p.m. by a discussion of the program with Puckett. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764-0594.

Baby Houdini: Canterbury House. U-M student jazz quintet with trombonist Alex Trulove, pianist Nate May, bassist Scott Brown, drummer Brett Chalfin, and local saxophonist Danny Fisher-Lochhead. 8 p.m., Canterbury House, 721 E. Huron. \$10 (students, \$5). 761-3162.

The Juggernaut Jug Band: Green Wood Coffee House Series (First United Methodist Church). Traditional jug band music by this acclaimed quartet from Louisville, the birthplace of jug bands. A mixture of classic jazz and blues, jug band music is a swaggering party music, full of high spirits and sexual humor, performed by a modified string band that includes kazoo and other wind instruments, washboard, and, of course, a stoneware jug, an instrument from which a good musician can coax a surprisingly lyrical, hauntingly reverberant sound that's been compared to a bow drawn across the strings of an upright bass. Desserts & coffee available. 8 p.m., FUMC Green Wood, 1001 Green Rd. at Glazier Way. \$15 (kids 10 & under, 2 for the price of 1) in advance and at the door. 665-8558.

★"An Evening of Scenes": U-M Residential College Players. Feb. 5 & 6. RC students direct and perform this popular annual 90-minute program of short scenes on a variety of topics and in a variety of styles, many written by RC students. 8 p.m., RC Auditorium, East Quad, 701 East University. Free. 647-4354.

"Barbra's Wedding": Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. Feb. 5-7, 12, & 13. Matt Martello directs local actors in Daniel Stern's comedy about an unemployed actor and his wife whose marital problems unfold against

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“Swing Dance Party”: Ann Arbor Swing Dance Association. Every Fri. Lindy hop, East Coast swing, Charleston, blues, and Balboa dancing to a DJ. No partner needed. Bring hard-sole shoes. Preceded at 8 p.m. by beginning lessons. 8:45-11:45 p.m., Dakota Bldg., 1785 W. Stadium. \$5 (includes lessons; students, \$3). 417-9857.

6 SATURDAY

Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Feb. 6 & 20. Programs presented by Hudson Mills naturalist Jennifer Hollenbeck. Today: “Bird Hike.” Bring binoculars and a field guide. Also this month: “Stories around the Fire” (Feb. 20), a program featuring stories, legends, and myths from various cultures. Snacks. 8 a.m. (Feb. 6) & 11 a.m. (Feb. 20). Hudson Mills activity center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. Dexter. \$3. Preregistration required. \$4 vehicle entrance fee. 426-8211.

★“The World According to Monsanto: From Agent Orange to Genetically Modified Crops”: Gray Panthers of Huron Valley. Screening of Marie-Monique Robin’s documentary about the controversial agrochemical firm. Discussion follows. Refreshments. The program begins with coffee & socializing. 9:45 a.m.-noon, U-M Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 973-5593.

★Waterloo Recreation Area. Feb. 6, 13, & 20. Programs presented by WRA park interpreter Kathy Kavanagh unless otherwise noted. Today: “The Fastest Thing on Ice: Ice Boating.” Veteran iceboat builder Mel Nichols discusses how to build one, and world-class ice-boating racer Bruce Brown discusses his experiences. Also, at 2 p.m., all invited to join a “Snowshoeing” trek, or (if there is no snow) a hike. Also this month: “Winter Orienteering” (Feb. 13). A hike to learn to find your way through the woods in winter. Compass provided. “Alternative Energy Today” (Feb. 20). Program on how to incorporate alternative energy sources in your home. Also, a hands-on activity using a solar battery. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Feb. 6), 1 p.m. (Feb. 13), & 2 p.m. (Feb. 20). Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Rd. (west from Pierce Rd. off I-94 exit 157), Waterloo Recreation Area. Preregistration requested. Free. \$6 vehicle entry fee. 475-3170.

★“Saturday Morning Physics”: U-M Physics Department. Feb. 6, 13, & 20. Popular series of talks, aimed at general audiences, by U-M faculty. Today: anthropology professor Laura MacLachy on “The Oldest Hominoids: Locomotor & Dietary Variation in Our Ape Ancestors.” Feb. 13: atmospheric, oceanic, and space sciences professor Perry Samson on “Hurricanes and Tornadoes and Floods! Oh My! What’s Climate Change Got to Do with This?” Feb. 20: physics professor Vanessa Sih on “Light and Semiconductor Devices.” 10:30 a.m., 170 Dennison, 500 Church. Free. 764-4437.

★Children’s Storytime: Barnes & Noble. Every Sat. Storytelling programs and craft activities for kids. 11 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973-1618.

★Storytime: Nicola’s Books. Every Sat. An experienced storyteller reads stories for kids age 7 & under. 11 a.m., Nicola’s, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662-0600.

U-M Exhibit Museum Planetarium. Every Sat. & Sun. Three different audiovisual planetarium shows. **The Sky Tonight** (11:30 a.m. Sat. only and 1:30 & 3:30 p.m. both days) explores the current night sky. **Black Holes** (12:30 p.m. Sat.) is an animated show that begins with the formation of the early Universe and the birth and death of stars and concludes with a simulated flight to a supermassive black hole lurking at the center of the Milky Way. **IBEX: Search for the Edge of the Solar System** (2:30 p.m. both days) is about the development and mission of NASA’s Interstellar Boundary Explorer. 11:30 a.m. and 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, & 3:30 p.m., U-M Exhibit Museum, 1109 Geddes at North University. \$4.75. 764-0478.

“Professor Ray’s Everyday Science”: Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Feb. 6, 7, 27, & 28. Museum staff give family-friendly science demos on “Air Apparent” (Feb. 6 & 7) and “Mighty Motion” (Feb. 27 & 28). Also this month, a Sciencepalooza on “Crimes, Codes, and Culprits” (Feb. 13 at 10

a.m.-4 p.m. and Feb. 14 at noon-4 p.m.). 1 & 3 p.m., Hands-On Museum, 220 E. Ann. \$9 regular admission (members & infants, free). 995-5439.

★“Board Game Demos”: Get Your Game On. Every Sat. All invited to try out up to 3 new board games. Participants earn store discounts for each game they play. Also today, “Warhammer/Warhammer Open Play” (2 p.m.), a chance to play this tactical miniatures board game. 1 p.m., Get Your Game On, 709 Packard. Free. 786-3746.

★“Contemporary Strategies in Documentary Photography”: U-M History of Art Symposium. Documentary photographer Allan Sekula and art historian Sally Stein discuss socially and politically engaged photography practices. Followed by a panel discussion with speakers TBA. 1:30-5:30 p.m., UMMA Helmut Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State. Free. 763-UMMA.

★Ann Arbor Juggling Arts Club. Every Sat. All invited to practice their juggling skills. Beginners welcome. Indoor location TBA in case of inclement weather. 2-4 p.m., U-M Diag. Free. 761-1115.

★“Percy Jackson Movie Release Party”: Borders. Kids ages 7-14 invited to play games to celebrate the theatrical release of *The Lightning Thief*, a film based on Rick Riordan’s young adult novel, the 1st in his popular Percy Jackson series. 2 p.m., Downtown (612 E. Liberty), Arborland (3527 Washtenaw), & Waters Place (3140 Lohr Rd.) Borders stores. Free. 668-7652 (Downtown), 677-6948 (Arborland), 997-8884 (Waters Place).

★“Tradition Transformed: Chang Ku-nien, Master Painter of the 20th Century”: UMMA. Feb. 6, 7, 20, & 21. Docent-led tour of the current exhibit. 2 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 763-UMMA.

★“Imbolc Ritual”: Druids of Shining Lakes Grove. All invited to celebrate this ancient Celtic late winter festival of light and the earth’s hidden fertility that honors the hearth goddess Brigid. Also, a potluck (bring a dish to pass) and a raffle. Preceded by a hearth-fire kindling rite at 7 p.m. on Feb. 5 at 263 Larkspur (east off Skydale, off Pontiac). 2-5 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill. Free. 262-1052.

★“Drum Me a Story”: Ann Arbor District Library. The award-winning local children’s troupe Wild Swan Theater presents its original collection of African trickster folk tales, including “Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock” and “How the Turtle Got Its Shell.” Also, a drumming demo by Jaclyn Morrow. For preschoolers through 3rd graders. 2-3 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

★Pittsfield Open Band: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. Feb. 6 & 20. All musicians invited for a contra music open jam. Bring Judi Morningstar’s *The Ruffwater Fakebook* if you have it. 3-6 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). Free. 994-9307.

U-M Men’s Basketball vs. Wisconsin. The U-M also has games this month against Penn State (Feb. 20, 6 p.m.) and Illinois (Feb. 23, 7 p.m.). 4 p.m., Crisler Arena. \$15 & \$22. 764-0247.

★Kids Open Stage: Oz’s Music Environment. Kids of all ages and musical abilities are invited to play, sing, or just observe. Preceded at 3 p.m. by a kids drum circle (\$10) hosted by Oz’s owner Steve Osburn. Drums provided. 4-5 p.m., Oz’s, 1920 Packard. Free; donations welcome. 662-8283.

★Junior Chorister Concert: American Guild of Organists. Deborah Friauff and Thomas Strode direct this local chorus of kids ages 8-14 in works by Bruce Neswick, Sally Albrecht, Bob Chilcott, and others. 4 p.m., St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division. Free. 663-0518.

“Guys and Dolls”: Burns Park Players 26th Annual Production. See 5 Friday. 4 p.m.

Mardi Gras Dance: Greater Beneficial Union Chapter 630. Dinner, followed by dancing to traditional German music by The Vagabonds. 6-11 p.m., Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium. \$25. Reservations required. 954-0057, 913-9371.

25th Annual Mardi Gras Celebration: WCC Fund-Raiser. The evening kicks off with a sumptuous Cajun feast created by the WCC culinary arts and hospitality department and guest chefs from area restaurants. Followed by dancing to music by the versatile Bugs Beddow Band. 6:30 p.m., WCC Morris Lawrence Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Tickets \$175-\$250 in advance only. 973-3665.

16th Annual Winter Hometown Concert: Saline Fiddlers. Traditional American fiddle songs, bluegrass, and high-energy American folk by this renowned touring fiddle ensemble of 30 students. Tonight’s headliners are the Quebe Sisters Band, a Fort Worth, TX, quintet that plays western swing, hot jazz, vintage country, and traditional Texas-style fiddle tunes. Fiddlers shows always sell out, so get tickets early. 7 p.m., Saline Middle School, 7190 N. Maple, Saline. Tickets \$15 & \$20 in advance at salinefiddlers.com and (if available) at the door. (866) 257-5333.




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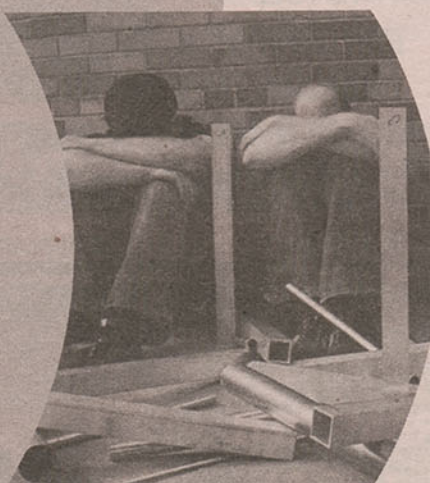
Thu, Feb 4 | 7 PM & 9:30 PM
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FEBRUARY EVENTS



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Sat, Feb 6 | 7:30 PM & 10 PM
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Called "astonishing and entrancing" by *Billboard* and "brilliant" by *The New York Times*, this Brooklyn-based quartet's innovative work has quickly helped them forge a unique and diverse career. The 7:30 performance features music by Steve Reich (*Music for Pieces of Wood*, *Nagoya Marimba*, *Four Organs*, *Mallet Quartet*, and *Drumming*, Part 1) and will be performed in the Museum Apse. The 10 pm concert will begin in the Apse and move to several locations throughout the Museum. Limited availability!

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Sun, Feb 7 | 5 PM
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Angela Hewitt piano

Wed, Feb 10 | 8 PM
HILL AUDITORIUM

PROGRAM

J.S. Bach	Italian Concerto, BWV 971 (1735)
Beethoven	Sonata in D Major, Op. 10, No. 3 (1798)
Brahms	Sonata No. 3 in f minor, Op. 5 (1853)

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Luciana Souza Trio

Luciana Souza vocals
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Cyro Baptista percussion

Thu, Feb 11 | 8 PM
RACKHAM AUDITORIUM

Hailing from São Paulo, Brazil, Luciana Souza grew up in a family of Bossa Nova innovators and is now one of jazz's leading singers and interpreters. She is joined by guitarist Romero Lubambo, who appeared this Fall with Gal Costa, and percussionist Cyro Baptista, who will return in March for two performances with his group Beat the Donkey.

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Schubert Piano Trios

Wu Han piano
Philip Setzer violin
David Finckel cello

Sun, Feb 14 | 4 PM
RACKHAM AUDITORIUM

PROGRAM

Schubert Piano Trio in B-flat Major, Op. 99, D. 898 (1828)
Schubert Piano Trio in E-flat Major, Op. 100, D. 929 (1827)

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Béla Fleck: The Africa Project

Béla Fleck banjo
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John Kitime guitar (Tanzania)
Anania Ngoliga multi-instrumentalist (Tanzania)

Wed, Feb 17 | 8 PM
HILL AUDITORIUM

During renowned musician Béla Fleck's travels to Africa, he discovered that though the banjo is traditionally considered an American instrument, its origins lie far from her shores. His travels and explorations of music in Uganda, Tanzania, The Gambia and Mali were documented in the award-winning film *Throw Down Your Heart*. With The Africa Project, Fleck brings to the stage his collaborations with some of Africa's most talented musicians, exploring the origins of the Banjo.

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Swedish Radio Choir

Sun, Feb 21 | 4 PM
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Who does the Berlin Philharmonic turn to when it wants to do something really special and no ordinary choir will do? The Swedish Radio Choir, of course. The renowned ensemble returns to Ann Arbor for the first time since its astonishing 2001 performance of Verdi's *Requiem*.

PROGRAM

Includes works by Hugo Alfvén, Ned Rorem, Mahler, Sven-David Sandström, J.S. Bach, Anders Hillborg, and Frank Martin.

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Tue, Feb 2 | 7-8:30 PM
U-M MUSEUM OF ART COMMONS AREA

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DARK MATTER AFTERPARTY

Sat, Feb 6 | post-performance
LOCATION TBD

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A COLLABORATION WITH DARK MATTER.

ARTIST INTERVIEW: Louciana Souza

Thu, Feb 11 | post-performance
RACKHAM AUDITORIUM

A COLLABORATION WITH THE U-M CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES.

SCREENING OF THROW DOWN YOUR HEART

A Documentary Starring Béla Fleck

Mon, Feb 15 | 7 PM
U-M BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH
BUILDING AUDITORIUM

A COLLABORATION WITH THE U-M MUSEUM OF ART, U-M CENTER FOR AFROAMERICAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES, AND THE U-M AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER.

LEO SARKASIAN RESIDENCY EVENT

Tue, Feb 16 | 4 PM
HATCHER GALLERY

A COLLABORATION WITH THE U-M MUSEUM OF ART, U-M CENTER FOR AFROAMERICAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES, AND THE U-M AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER.

ENGAGE OFFSTAGE: Pre-Performance Lobby Exhibit With African Strings

Wed, Feb 17 | 7 PM.
HILL AUDITORIUM LOWER LOBBY

A COLLABORATION WITH THE ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE U-M STEARNS COLLECTION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

CHORAL SING-OFF: U-M Chamber Choir And Swedish Radio Choir

Led by Ragnar Bohlin, conductor

Mon, Feb 22 | 1-2:30 PM
MCINTOSH THEATRE, U-M SCHOOL OF
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U-M CHORAL CONDUCTING MASTERCLASS

Led by Ragnar Bohlin

Mon, Feb 22 | 2:30-4:30 PM
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Exhibit openings:

Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 W. Liberty. *Unraveling the Familiar: Fiber Art* by Annica Cuppetelli, Megan Heeres, Jill Jepsen, and Brooks Harris Stevens (through Feb. 14). Intermission: Multimedia Ann Arbor Film Festival Exhibit (Feb. 24-Mar. 28). Reception Mar. 5, 6-8 p.m. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. noon-5:30 p.m. 994-8004.

Ann Arbor District Library, Downtown Branch (343 S. Fifth Ave.): *Curriculum of Color: Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor 2010 Annual Student Art Exhibit* (through Feb. 25). **Mallets Creek Branch** (3090 E. Eisenhower): *Seasonal Dreams: Paintings and Mixed Media* by Betsy Beckerman (Feb. 3-Mar. 4). Mon. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Tues.-Fri. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. noon-6 p.m.: 327-4510.

Art That Is Local Gallery, Whole Foods Market mezzanine level, 3135 Washtenaw. *Whole Planet—Artful Dreams of Peace* (Feb. 17-Mar. 31). Reception (\$5) Feb. 19, 5-7 p.m. Daily 8 a.m.-10 p.m. 975-4500.

Chelsea Center for the Arts, 400 Congdon, Chelsea. *New Paintings by Cathy Barry* (through Mar. 5). Reception Feb. 20, 3-5 p.m. Mon. & Tues. noon-6 p.m., Wed. & Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri. 1-6 p.m. Closed Sat. & Sun. 433-2787.

Clay Gallery, 335 S. Main. *Recycled Landscapes: Works by Susanne Stephenson* (Jan. 31-Feb. 27). See 26 Friday Events listing. Reception Feb. 5, 7-9 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. 662-7927.

Concordia University Kreft Center for the Arts, 4090 Geddes. *Creative Adaptation* (Feb. 16-Mar. 28), works in various media by various national artists. Reception Feb. 19, 7-9 p.m. See 19 Friday Events listing. Tues.-Fri. noon-4 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. Closed Mon. 995-7591.

EMU Ford Gallery, Ford Hall, E. Cross between Welch Hall and Boone Hall, Ypsilanti. *Electra Stamelos Collages* (through Feb. 26). Mon. & Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Closed Sun. 487-1268.

EMU University Art Gallery, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti. *Annual EMU Art Faculty Exhibition* (Feb. 1-Mar. 12). Reception Feb. 2, 4-7 p.m. Mon. & Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Closed Sun. 487-0465.

First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. *Children Paint Visions of Peace: Bridging the Divide* (through Feb. 5). Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Weekend hours TBA. 930-1673.

Gallery Project, 215 S. Fourth Ave. *In Spite of Evi-*



This untitled collage by Teresa Petersen is part of the current exhibit at Gallery Project, *In Spite of Evidence*.

dence (through Feb. 21), a multimedia exhibit with 32 artists. Tues.-Sat. noon-9 p.m., Sun. noon-4 p.m. Closed Mon. 997-7012.

Gifts of Art (U-M Hospitals), Main Hospital: Flora Flora Art Quilts by Juanita Yeager (Feb. 15-Apr. 12). **Taubman Center: Essential Obsession: Reduction Block Prints** by Mary Mark. *Doll Maker's Journey: Fiber & Mixed Media* by Michele Sapp. *China: Global/Local—U-M Center for Chinese Studies Photography Contest Winners. Silent Presentations: Clay, Beads, & Wood* by Margaret Nowak (Feb. 15-Apr. 12). Daily 8 a.m.-8 p.m. 936-2787.

Jewish Community Center Amster Gallery, 2935 Birch Hollow. *Senior Photography Show* (Feb. 1-Mar. 31). Reception Feb. 7, 3-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed Sat. 971-0990.

Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. *African American Art Showcase* (Feb. 4-28). Reception

Feb. 10, 7 p.m. Hours by appointment and during evening concerts. 769-2999.

River Gallery, 120 N. Main, Chelsea. *Notes from the Quarry: Works by Vince Castagnacci* (through Mar. 14). See 21 Sunday Events listing. 433-0826. Wed.-Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Sun.-Tues.

U-M Bentley Historical Library, 1150 Beal. *Varsity Vogue: Women's Fashions at the University of Michigan, 1880-1980* (through Mar. 31). Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Sat. & Sun. 764-3482.

U-M Clements Library, 909 South University. *Reframing the Color Line: Race and the Visual Culture of the Atlantic World* (through Feb. 19). Mon.-Fri. 1-4:45 p.m. Closed Sat. & Sun. 764-2347.

U-M Hatcher Graduate Library, enter from the Diag. *Their Journey: Vietnamese in Michigan* (Feb. 1-24). Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-2 a.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m.-2 a.m.

U-M Institute for the Humanities Gallery, 202 S. Thayer. *Chasing Shadows: Photos by South African Photographer Santu Mofokeng* (Feb. 5-26). Reception Feb. 11, 4:30-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Sat. & Sun. 936-3518.

U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. *The Healing Garden: Experiencing the Restorative Powers of Nature* (Feb. 23-Apr. 6). Tues. & Thurs.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Wed. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. 647-7808.

U-M Power Center, 121 Fletcher. *Works by Members of the Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild* (Feb. 4-22). Hours during evening stage shows. annarborfiberarts.org

U-M Slusser Gallery (U-M School of Art & Design), 2000 Bonisteel. *A&D Faculty Exhibition* (through Feb. 26). Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Sat. & Sun. 936-2082.

U-M Work (U-M School of Art & Design), 306 S. State. *Dis Illusion* (Feb. 12-Mar. 12). Reception Feb. 12, 6-9 p.m. Tues.-Sun. noon-7 p.m. Closed Mon. 998-6178.

WSG Gallery, 306 S. Main. *WSG Invites Family & Friends* (Feb. 24-Apr. 4). Reception Mar. 12, 6-9 p.m. Tues.-Sat. noon-9 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. Closed Mon. 761-2287.

WCC Gallery One, 1st floor, Student Center Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. *Considering the Figure: Four Points of View* (through Feb. 24). See 10 Wednesday Events listing. Reception Feb. 10, 5-7 p.m. Mon. & Tues. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Wed. & Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-noon. Closed Sat. & Sun. 477-8512.

For a complete listing of local galleries, see the 2009-2010 Ann Arbor Observer City Guide or arborweb.com.

Drag King Rebellion: Sh'out! Cabaret & Gallery. Lip-sync performance art by this Michigan gender performance troupe whose repertoire includes everything from pop and rock to hip-hop and show tunes. 7 & 10 p.m., Sh'out!, 325 Braun Ct. \$5. 663-0036.

"B-School Follies": U-M Business School. See 5 Friday, 7 p.m.

"After Ashley": U-M Basement Arts. See 4 Thursday, 7 p.m.

"Drum 4 Wellness Circle: Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth". All invited to join a drum circle. Bring a drum or use one provided. 7:30-9 p.m., Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, 704 Airport Blvd. \$5 suggested donation. 480-1219.

So Percussion: University Musical Society. This acclaimed Brooklyn (NY) percussion quartet is known for playing its evocative pieces on both traditional instruments and objects like teacups and ceramic pots. "We play a cactus," says band member Jason Treuting. "Not because the audience will say, 'Wow, that's the best cactus player I've ever heard,' but because the sound is beautiful." 7:30 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Tickets \$40 in advance at the Michigan League and ums.org, and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

"Eurydice": Pioneer High School Theatre Guild. See 5 Friday, 7:30 p.m.

"The Midnight Caller": Skyline High School. See 5 Friday, 7:30 p.m.

"Moon Over Buffalo": Community High School Ensemble Theater. See 4 Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

1st Saturday Contra: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. Ed Vincent calls to live music by Picks & Sticks. All dances taught; no partner needed. 8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). \$9 (members, \$8; students, \$5). 769-1052.

***Detroit School of Arts Male Choral Ensemble: Beth Israel Congregation**. This high school ensemble

performs songs influenced by African American culture. In honor of Black History Month. 8 p.m., Beth Israel Congregation, 2000 Washtenaw. Free. 665-9897.

"(Re)Visionary Dances": U-M Dance Company. See 4 Thursday, 8 p.m.

"An Evening of Scenes": U-M Residential College Players. See 5 Friday, 8 p.m.

"K2": Performance Network Professional Season. See 4 Thursday, 3 & 8 p.m.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 4 Thursday, 3 & 8 p.m.

"Barbra's Wedding": Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. See 5 Friday, 8 p.m.

Geechy Guy: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 4 Thursday, 8 & 10:30 p.m.

***"Milonga Picante": Michigan Argentine Tango Club**. Feb. 6 & 20. Tango dancing to music spun by a DJ. Note: People not affiliated with the U-M must arrive before 9 p.m. 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Michigan Union (Feb. 6) and Michigan League Vandenberg Room (Feb. 20). Free. 973-2338.

"Serious about Salsa" Latin Dance Party: danceRevolution Dance Studio. Feb. 6 & 20. High-energy dance party with salsa, merengue, bachata, and cha-cha dancing to recorded music spun by a DJ. No partner necessary. 9 p.m.-1 a.m., danceRevolution, 220 S. Main. \$5. 945-8428.

7 SUNDAY

***"Attachment, Appreciation, and Love": Jewel Heart Buddhist Center**. Talk by Ghelek Rimpoche, an incarnate lama from Tibet who lives in Ann Arbor. 10-11 a.m., Jewel Heart Center, 1129 Oak Valley Dr. (between Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. & Ellsworth). Free. 994-3387.

***Ultimate Frisbee: H.A.C. Ultimate**. Every Sun. All invited to a very relaxed pickup game of this spirited team sport. Note: Overly competitive players are politely asked to leave. 11 a.m., Burns Park, Wells at Baldwin. Free. 846-9418.

***First Singles: First Presbyterian Church**. Every Sun. A weekly program open to all single adults interested in contemporary Christian topics, new ideas, personal growth, and social and physical activities. Today: First Singles member Marcy Toon leads a discussion of Harold Kushner's *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. Also this month: First Singles members share a favorite poem or thought on the various forms of love (Feb. 14), First Singles member Don Deatrick plays the 2nd part of a CD on "Mozart's Music and Life" (Feb. 21), and First Singles member Robert Klingler shows a DVD on "The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World" (Feb. 28). 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church Curtis Room, 1432 Washtenaw. Free. 662-4466, ext. 43.

"Preserving Traditions": Pittsfield Union Grange. A potluck lunch (bring a dish to pass) and a silent auction to celebrate the 1st anniversary of this program. Followed at 2 p.m. by a "Kitchen Gadget Petting Zoo," a chance to try out unusual kitchen gadgets. Bring implements to show off or trade, if you wish. Noon, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). \$5 (members, free). 997-8844.

***Storytime: Downtown Borders**. Every Sun. A Borders staffer reads stories for kids. 1 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

***"The New UMMA": UMMA**. Every Sun. Docent-led tours of the recently renovated museum. 1 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 763-UMMA.

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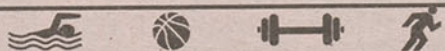
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★**Comic Artists Forum:** Ann Arbor District Library. Comics artist Jerzy Drozd, a contributing editor to the online comics anthology *sugaryserials.com*, offers drawing and publishing tips for adults and teens in grade 6 & up. Bring your favorite drawing tools; paper provided. 1-3 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower between Stone School & Packard. Free. 327-4200.

★**Patchwork: The Little House Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder:** Theater IV (Michigan Theater Foundation Not Just for Kids Series). This renowned children's theater troupe from Richmond, VA, presents its drama adapted from Wilder's popular tales of outdoor adventure and pioneer spirit. For families with kids in grades 2-5. 1:30 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$14 (MTF members, \$12) in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office & all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

★**Giant Steps:** Ann Arbor District Library. This all-star Detroit jazz sextet led by tenor saxophonist Allan Barnes pays tribute to the "Golden Age of Jazz" from Charlie Parker to John Coltrane. With vocalist Sunny Wilkinson, pianist Cliff Monear, trumpeter Rayze Biggs, bassist Marion Hayden, and drummer Gayelynn McKinney. 2-3:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

★**(Re)Visionary Dances:** U-M Dance Company. See 4 Thursday. 2 p.m.

★**"Moon Over Buffalo":** Community High School Ensemble Theater. See 4 Thursday. 2 p.m.

★**"K2":** Performance Network Professional Season. See 4 Thursday. 2 p.m.

★**"Barbra's Wedding":** Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. See 5 Friday. 2 p.m.

★**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee":** Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 4 Thursday. 3 p.m.

★**"Recycled Landscapes":** Clay Gallery. Sculptor and EMU art professor emerita Susanne Stephenson discusses the current exhibit of her work (see Galleries). 3 p.m., Clay Gallery, 335 S. Main. Free. 662-7927.

★**Gemini:** Michigan Friends Center. The popular Ann Arbor acoustic duo of twin brothers Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits performs original songs and traditional music from around the globe in a benefit for the Friends Center. Preceded at 1 p.m. by snowman building (weather permitting) and at 2 p.m. by a reception with mulled cider and treats. 3 p.m., Michigan Friends Center, 7448 Clarks Lake Rd. (off Waterloo Rd. west of M-52), Chelsea. Tickets \$10 (family, \$25) in advance only. 475-1892.

★**Black History Month Concert: River Raisin Ragtime Revue.** William Hayes conducts this Tecumseh-based ensemble of area musicians in a program highlighted by Thomas Million Turpin's "Harlem Rag," the first rag published by a black composer. The program also includes Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag," King Oliver's "West End Blues," Jelly Roll Morton's "Grandpa's Spells," 2 W.C. Handy works, James Johnson's "Carolina Shout," William Grant Still's "Summerland" and Folk Suite no. 1, and conductor Hayes' arrangement of "Grampa's Rag." 3 p.m., First Congregational Church, 608 E. William. \$15 (seniors, \$12; age 18 & under, \$10) in advance and at the door. 662-1679.

★**Children's Puppet Shows:** Dreamland Theater. Every Sun. The Dreamland Puppet Troupe presents marionette and shadow puppet shows for kids. 3:30 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington, Ypsilanti. \$5 (kids age 3 & under, free). 657-2337.

★**Winter Hikes:** Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. Feb. 7 & 21. Led by WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner. Today: "Tracks, Scat, and More!" (4 p.m., Kosch Headwaters Preserve, 3268 N. Prospect Rd., 1/4 mile south of Ford Rd., Ypsilanti). A hike to identify clues animals leave behind. Feb. 21: "February Wetland Hike" (2-4 p.m., Park Lyndon North, North Territorial Rd. 1 mile east of M-52). Wear waterproof boots. Various times and locations. Free. 971-6337, ext. 334.

★**"The Leach Pottery":** Yourist Studio Gallery. Screening of this silent 1952 documentary about British potter Bernard Leach. 4 p.m., Yourist Studio Gallery, 1133 Broadway. Free. 662-4914.

★**Yizhak Schotten & Katherine Collier:** U-M School of Music. Violist Schotten and pianist Collier, both U-M professors, perform Bloch's Suite for Viola and Piano. The duo is also joined by violinist Andrew Jennings and cellist Paul Dwyer in Brahms' Piano Quintet in A Major. 4 p.m., U-M Music School Britton Recital Hall, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

★**"The Baroque Transformation":** Academy of Early Music. Performances by U-M harpsichord professor Edward Parmentier and Duo Fantasie en Echo, the viola da gambist duo of Rachel Cama-Lekx and Phillip Serna. Program: works by Marin Marais, Johann Schenck, Sainte-Colombe, Carl Friedrich Abel, and Bach. 4 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division. \$15 (seniors, \$12; students, \$5). 528-1838.

★**"Nation":** University Musical Society. Live broadcast of the National Theatre (London) production of Mark Ravenhill's drama set in a parallel world where 2 teenagers are thrown together after a tsunami and must learn how to survive. 5 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$22 (Michigan Theater members & UMS subscribers and donors, \$18; students, \$12) in advance at the Michigan League & ums.org. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

★**Ann Arbor Morris.** Every Sun. All invited to try this boisterous, jingly English ceremonial dance based on the 15th-century Spanish *moresca*. Wear athletic shoes. 6-8 p.m., Gretchen's House VII barn, 1580 Dhu Varren Rd. Free. Email a2morris@umich.edu to confirm. 747-8138.

★**"A Circle of Drums":** Drumwomyn. Every Sun. (tentatively). All women invited to "celebrate the special connection between women and the drum." Bring your own drum. Evening time & location TBA. Donation. 913-9670.

★**U-M Women's Basketball vs. Minnesota.** The U-M also has games this month against MSU (Feb. 11, 7 p.m.), Wisconsin (Feb. 21, 1 p.m.), and Purdue (Feb. 28, 2 p.m.) 7 p.m., Crisler Arena. \$3 (youths under age 18, \$1; U-M students with ID, free). 764-0247.

★**22nd Annual "Big Rack Night."** This annual contest for white-tailed deer hunters attracts more than 400 people. The top award winners in the firearms, archery, muzzle loading, ladies, and youth divisions are invited to go onstage, display their winning antlers, and swap hunting stories. Also, talks by guest speakers who've killed bucks with unusual or outstanding racks. Additional overall prize for "biggest rack" (number, size, and mass of points on the 2 horns). Light dinner for sale. 7 p.m. (doors open 5 p.m.), Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Free admission. 439-7919.

★**Aaron Berofsky & Phillip Bush:** U-M School of Music. U-M violin professor Berofsky and piano professor Bush perform works by Beethoven. 8 p.m., U-M Walgreen Drama Center Stamps Auditorium, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

★**U-M Ballroom Dancers.** Every Sun. Ballroom dancing to recorded music, including fox-trots, waltzes, cha-chas, rumbas, tangos, swing, and more. No partner necessary. Preceded at 7 p.m. by beginning lessons and practice. 8-10 p.m., Michigan Union Ballroom (Feb. 7, 14, & 21) and Michigan League Ballroom (Feb. 28). \$3. 763-6984.

8 MONDAY

★**"Gender, Sexuality, and the Problem of Memory":** U-M Romance Languages & Literatures Hayward Keniston Lecture. Lecture by Brown University biology and gender studies professor Anne Fausto-Sterling. 4 p.m., Rackham Amphitheatre. Free. 764-5344.

★**"Person-Centered Planning for People with Disabilities":** Ann Arbor District Library. Panel discussion with Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy staffers Mary Shehan-Boogaard and Jen Gossett and Self-Determination in Washtenaw County local leader Erin McMahon. 6:30-8:30 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327-4200.

★**"Treasures in Your State of Michigan Archives":** Ann Arbor Area Civil War Round Table. Talk by archivist Robert Garrett. 7 p.m., St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Dr. (off Huron River Dr.). Free. (517) 750-2741.

★**"Textile Conservation":** Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild. Talk by textile conservation specialist Dianne Little. 7 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Liberty. Free. 665-0703.

★**"Nonphilatelic Hobbies":** Ann Arbor Stamp Club. Club members display and discuss their hobbies besides stamp collecting. 7:30 p.m., Salvation Army, 100 Arbana (park & enter at the rear of the building). Free admission. 761-5859.

★**"Michigan Prevents Prodromal Progression (M3P)":** National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Washtenaw County. M3P director Liz Spring discusses the early detection and treatment of mental illness in adolescents. 7:30-9:30 p.m., NEW Center, 1100 N. Main. Free. 994-6611.

9 TUESDAY

★**"Pruning Trees, Shrubs, and Vines":** Good Thyme Garden Club. Talk by Abbott's Landscape

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Nursery owner Mike Abbott. 10 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Liberty. Free. 369-8682.

"Momma Kemba as Sojourner Truth": Wild Swan Theater. Feb. 9-11. Renowned Chicago storyteller and actress Momma Kemba presents her dramatic retelling of the life of Sojourner Truth, the ex-slave who became a leading abolitionist orator and women's rights advocate. In celebration of Black History Month. As with all Wild Swan productions, the performance is interpreted in American Sign Language. Audio description and backstage "touch" tours are available by prearrangement for blind audience members. Appropriate for kids in grades 3-8. 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., WCC Morris Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Tickets \$12 (children & seniors, \$8; lap passes for kids age 2 & under, \$3) in advance and at the door. 995-0530.

***Newcomers Coterie Club of Ann Arbor.** U-M physics and astronomy Tim McKay discusses the fundamental issues of cosmology. All women who have recently moved or returned to the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area invited. Coffee, tea, & dessert served. Preceded at 11:30 a.m. by lunch (preregistration required by Feb. 5). 12:30 p.m., Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Rd. Free. Low-cost child care arrangements available in advance only. 834-2775.

***"Poverty Alleviation and Growth of the African Middle Class in South Africa": U-M College of Literature, Science, & the Arts.** Lecture by U-M sociology and population studies professor Barbara Anderson. Reception follows. 4:10 p.m., U-M Alumni Center Founders Room, 200 Fletcher. Free. 998-6251.

***Annual Grand Concert: Ann Arbor Suzuki Institute.** A fast-paced concert featuring ensembles of classical violin, viola, cello, bass, guitar, piano, and flute students in grades K-12. 5:30 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 995-2099.

***"For the Interest of Bees": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens.** An expert TBA discusses beekeeping. Followed by a Q&A and (tentatively) a hands-on activity. 7-9 p.m., Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 647-7600.

***"Translating Knowledge: Global Perspectives on Museums and Community": UMMA Lecture Series.** Lecture by University of Leicester museum studies professor Sheila Watson. 7 p.m., UMMA Helmut Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State. Free. 763-UMMA.

***"Who Is Franz Schubert?": Ann Arbor District Library.** Talk by U-M musicology professor Jason Geary. In conjunction with the upcoming UMS concert of Schubert piano trios (see 14 Sunday listing). 7-8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

***Fantasy and Science Fiction/Theory Reading Group: U-M English Department.** All age 21 & over invited to discuss *Flashforward*, Robert Sawyer's novel about a physics experiment that gives everyone in the world a glimpse of their future 20 years hence. 7-9 p.m., 3154 Angell Hall. Free. 764-2553.

***"Legacy of a False Promise": Downtown Borders.** Local writer Margaret Fuchs Singer discusses her memoir about what happened to her family when her father testified before the notorious House Un-American Activities Committee. Signing. 7 p.m., Borders, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

U-M Ice Hockey vs. Bowling Green. The U-M also has matches this month against NMU (Feb. 19 & 20) & Notre Dame (Feb. 25). 7:30 p.m., Yost Ice Arena, 1016 S. State at McKinley. \$19-\$25. 764-0247.

***Sierra Club Book Club: Nicola's Books.** All invited to discuss *A World Without Ice*, U-M geophysics professor emeritus Henry Pollack's book about global warming and our crucial relationship to ice. 7:30 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate shopping center. Free. 971-1157.

***Washtenaw Ski Touring Club.** Feb. 9 & 23. Club member Ron Sell discusses "Everything You (Ever) Wanted to Know about Ski Equipment" (Feb. 9) and Whole Foods representative Mary Ann Nisely discusses "Food Choices for Performance and Health" (Feb. 23). Preceded at 7 p.m. by socializing. 7:30 p.m., Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 662-SKIS.

***Loose Leaf Readings: Ann Arbor Wordworks.** Open mike for teen poets and writers. The program begins with a reading by a local poet or writer TBA. 7:30 p.m., TeaHaus, 204 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 622-0460.

***Chamber Choir, University Choir, & University Symphony Orchestra: U-M School of Music.** Jerry Blackstone conducts these music student ensembles in Brahms' beloved *German Requiem*. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764-0594.

10 WEDNESDAY

"Momma Kemba as Sojourner Truth": Wild Swan Theater. See 9 Tuesday. 10 a.m. and 12:30 & 7 p.m.

"Delicatessen Tastings": Zingerman's Delicatessen. Feb. 10 & 17. Zingerman's staff and guest experts discuss and offer taste samples of various gourmet delights. Today: "California Foods." Also this month: "Swiss Cheese Fondue" (Feb. 17). Also, Zingerman's tea expert Jess Piskor hosts a "Tea Tasting" (\$10 in advance, \$15 at the door), Feb. 3, 7-8:30 p.m., and Shawn Askinosie, a Springfield, MO, lawyer-turned-chocolatier, discusses and offers taste samples of his popular gourmet bean-to-bar Askinosie chocolates (\$30 in advance, \$35 at the door), Feb. 9, 7-9 p.m. 7-9 p.m., Zingerman's Next Door (upstairs kids room), 422 Detroit St. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Space limited; reservations required. 663-3354.

***"Approaching Mid-Life with a Positive Attitude": Ann Arbor District Library.** Talks by Boston Women's Health Book Collective cofounder Judy Norsigian, coauthor of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, and U-M Program for Positive Aging director Helen Kales. Norsigian also gives a talk on women's health concerns this afternoon at 3 p.m., 2239 U-M Lane Hall, 204 S. State. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Free. 327-4555.

***"Season of Water and Ice": Nicola's Books.** Local writer Donald Lystra discusses and/or reads from his debut novel, a Michigan Notable Book, about a teenage boy who lives alone with his father and befriends a troubled pregnant teenage girl. Set in northern Michigan in 1957, the "prose style is plain, clear, and even Hemingwayesque," says one reviewer. It's "a north woods odyssey into manhood that is timeless and true." Signing. 7 p.m., Nicola's, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662-0600.

***"The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas": Ann Arbor District Library.** All invited to discuss award-winning Michigan freelance writer Jerry Dennis's book based on his 4-week journey through the Great Lakes and beyond as a crew member of a tall-masted schooner. The book has been chosen for the annual Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads communitywide reading program. Other Ann Arbor Reads programs at the library this month include programs on Michigan regional foods on Feb. 11, Great Lakes ecological issues on Feb. 15, historical local photographs on Feb. 21, and green energy in Michigan on Feb. 25 (see listings). 7-8 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327-4200.

***Fiction Readers Group: Barnes & Noble.** All invited to join a discussion of *Waiting*, Ha Jin's 1999 National Book Award-winning novel about a married Chinese army physician working far from home who falls in love with a hospital nurse. He visits home yearly to ask his wife for a divorce (she always refuses), until his long wait begins to take its toll. Refreshments. 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washenaw. Free. 973-1618.

***"Farming in Washtenaw County": Pittsfield Union Grange.** Talk by Whitmore Lake farmer Ruth Ehman. Preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a potluck (bring a dish to pass). 7:15 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). Free. 769-1052.

***History Readers Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers.** Local retired social worker Myrna Lueck leads a discussion of Cass Sunstein's *Radicals in Robes: Why Right-Wing Courts Are Wrong for America*. 7:30 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 212 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 369-2499.

***"Race, Religion, and Politics in America": U-M Center for Faith and Scholarship.** Talk by Notre Dame history professor Mark Noll. 8 p.m., Rackham Amphitheater. Free. 668-7421.

Angela Hewitt: University Musical Society. This acclaimed Canadian pianist recently finished an 11-year project to record all of Bach's major piano works, and she's been called "one of the reliably mesmerizing musicians of the day" by a London *Times* critic. Program: Bach's Italian Concerto, Beethoven's Sonata in D Major, and Brahms' Sonata no. 3 in F-Minor. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$10-\$50 in advance at the Michigan League and ums.org, and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538.

Darnell Ishmel: Kerrytown Concert House. This bass-baritone, a U-M voice grad, performs a tribute to 3 great African American baritones—Todd Duncan, Robert McFerrin, and William Warfield. The program ranges from Strauss's *Winter Nacht* and "Cortigiani, vil razza dannata" from Verdi's *Rigoletto*, to James Weldon Johnson's "Go Down, Death" and Hall Johnson's "I Got to Lie Down." Accompanist is Byron Sean. Proceeds benefit an Alpha Phi Alpha scholarship fund. 8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$10-\$20. Reservations recommended. 769-2999.

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11 THURSDAY

"Momma Kemba as Sojourner Truth": Wild Swan Theater. See 9 Tuesday. 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

★"Disaster at the Econ Library...Recovering after the Fire": U-M Library. U-M Bentley Historical Library conservator Jim Craven discusses the 1980 Christmas Eve fire that destroyed the Economics Building along with the department library. Noon, 100 Hatcher Graduate Library (enter from the Diag). Free. 615-7876.

★"Building History into New American Gardens": Women's National Farm and Garden Association. Talk by Celtic Gardens landscape designer John Cullen. 12:30 p.m., Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. Free. 622-0052.

"Flower Arranging": Ikebana International Chapter 183. All invited to join a session of ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement. Call for instructions on equipment to bring. 1 p.m., University Commons, 817 Asa Gray Dr. (off Huron Pkwy.). \$15 (members, \$8) materials fee. (248) 685-7696.

★"Writing and Medicine": Concordia University. A poetry reading by U-M grad and Concordia University English instructor Alexandra Simpson, and a prose reading by U-M English lecturer Kodi Scheer. Simpson and Scheer also discuss writing and its relationship to scientific discourses. 4 p.m., Concordia University Earhart Manor Living Room, 4090 Geddes at Earhart. Free. 995-4612.

Food Sessions: Cranbrook Whole Foods Market. Feb. 11, 12, & 18. Talks and demos by Whole Foods staffers. Today: "Oyster Tasting" (5 p.m.). Also this month: "Cooking Pasties" (Feb. 12, noon) and "Healthy Eating: Cooking Beets and Radishes" (Feb. 18, 6 p.m.). Various times, Whole Foods, 990 W. Eisenhower Pkwy., Cranbrook Village shopping center. \$5 (includes a \$5 Whole Foods gift card). Preregistration required. 997-7500.

★U-M English Department Zell Visiting Writers Series. See 4 Thursday. Today: Poetry reading by John Burnside, an award-winning Scottish poet and novelist whose brooding, clear-eyed poems, combining a low-key lyricism with semisymbolic images of foxes, owls, snakes, and the like, evoke moonlit yet shadowy Edens. A judge for the Whitbread Prize that Burnside won praised his poetry for its "sensory delight" and "rare power to alter one's perception of the world and of language." 5:10 p.m.

"Big Ales": Arbor Brewing Company Beer Tasting. A chance to sample and learn about some 2 dozen strong ales, higher-alcohol versions of pale ales that are sometimes referred to as old ales, stock ales, or winter warmers. Also, barley wines, scotch ales, Double IPAs, and Belgian ales. Also, a drawing for beer-related prizes. The price of admission includes unlimited beer sampling and a German appetizer buffet. 7-9 p.m., Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington. Tickets \$25 in advance and (if available) at the door. 213-1393.

★"Percy Jackson & the Olympians Movie Party": Ann Arbor District Library. All kids in grades 4-8 invited to dress as a Greek god or monster for a program of games & other activities celebrating the release of the movie adaptation of *The Lightning Thief*, the first novel in Rick Riordan's popular Percy Jackson young adult series. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327-4200.

★"Michigan Eats: Local and Regional Foods": Ann Arbor District Library. Talk by MSU Museum folklife curator emeritus Yvonne Lockwood. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

★"Waiting" & "The End of Civilization as We Know It": U-M Basement Arts. Feb. 11-13. Neal Kelley and Amanda Cohen direct U-M students in 2 short plays. Ethan Cohen's *Waiting* is a comedic Beckett-esque drama about a man whose patience wears thin as he sits in a waiting room anticipating his uncertain future. Mark Kaufman's *The End of Civilization as We Know It* is about high school students who get an unexpected question on their AP history exam that tests their morality. 7 p.m., U-M Walgreen Drama Center Studio One, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. Free. basement.studentorgs.umich.edu

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 4 Thursday. 7 p.m.

"Aida": Huron High School Players. Feb. 11-14. Bj Wallingford directs Huron students in Elton John and Tim Rice's rock musical based on the Verdi opera about the forbidden love between an Egyptian soldier and a princess in exile. 7:30 p.m., Huron High School Meyers Auditorium, 2727 Fuller Rd.. Tickets \$12 (students & seniors, \$10; family of 4, \$40) in advance and at the door. 994-2096.

"Guys and Dolls": Burns Park Players 26th Annual Production. See 5 Friday. 7:30 p.m.

★MeeAe Nam: EMU Music Department. Recital by this local soprano, an EMU voice professor. Accompanist is EMU piano professor Joel Schoenhals. Program TBA. 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

Luciana Souza Trio: University Musical Society. Brazilian jazz and world music trio led by Souza, an acclaimed Sao Paulo singer with bossa nova roots. According to a *Washington Post* review, she sings in a voice that's "low, soft, and agile as an otter in water" and "phrases with the wisdom of an old soul." 8 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Tickets \$20-\$42 in advance at the Michigan League and ums.org, and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

"Gravity": Purple Rose Theatre Company. Every Wed.-Sun., Feb. 11-Mar. 27. Guy Sanville directs local actors in the world premiere of David MacGregor's drama about Isaac Newton. Surrounded by jealous rivals and a mysterious patroness, the 17th-century scientist negotiates the delicate line between divinity and madness. Cast: Stacie Hadgikosti, Alex Leydenfrost, Nathan Mitchell, Michelle Mountain, Jim Poterfield, Rhiannon Ragland, and Will David Young. 8 p.m., Purple Rose, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Feb. 11-18 previews: \$20 (Wed. & Thurs.) & \$25 (Fri.-Sun.). After Feb. 18: \$25 (Sun. eves., Wed. & Thurs.), \$33 (Sat. & Sun. matinees), & \$38 (Fri. & Sat. eves.) in advance and at the door. 433-7673.

Lisa Landry: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. Feb. 11-13. Ann Arbor debut of this critically acclaimed stand-up comic from Louisiana, a ubiquitous presence on TV who's known for her engaging stage presence and fresh observational humor about everyday life with family and friends. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all Fri. & Sat. early shows are nonsmoking. 8 p.m., 314 E. Liberty (below Seva restaurant). \$9 (Thurs.) & \$12 (Fri. & Sat.) reserved seating in advance, \$11 (Thurs.) & \$14 (Fri. & Sat.) general admission at the door. 996-9080.

12 FRIDAY

"Tiny Tot Time": Leslie Science and Nature Center. A program of hikes, storytelling, songs, puppets, and crafts for kids ages 1-3 (accompanied by a caregiver). Snacks provided; dress for the outdoors. 9:30-11 a.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. \$6. 997-1553.

★"Family Art on Friday Mornings": Allen Creek Preschool. Kids up to age 6, accompanied by a parent, are invited to work on arts and crafts projects. 10-11 a.m., Allen Creek Preschool, 2350 Miller. Free. 994-3382.

★Crazy Wisdom Reading Circle: Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room. All invited to discuss the Buddhist nun Pema Chodron's *Taking the Leap: Freeing Ourselves from Old Habits and Fears*. 7-9:30 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 665-2757.

★Mark Webster Reading Series: U-M English Department. Feb. 12 & 19 (different programs). Readings by U-M creative writing grad students. Today: prose by Anita Perala and poetry by Adam Hayden. 7 p.m., UMMA Helmut Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State. Free. 615-3710.

"Nora" and "Julie": EMU Theatre Department. Feb. 12-14 & 18-20. EMU drama professors Terry Heck Seibert and Lee Stille direct EMU drama students in Ingmar Bergman's one-act adaptations of 2 seminal 19th-century Scandinavian dramas on protofeminist themes, Ibsen's *A Doll's House*, a drama about the dissolution of the "dollhouse" that 19th-century middle-class marriage had become, and Strindberg's *Miss Julie*, a tale about a young aristocratic woman who seduces her father's valet. 7 p.m., Quirk Theatre, Ford St. (off Lowell from Huron River Dr.), EMU campus, Ypsilanti. Tickets \$15 (students, \$12; kids age 12 & under, \$6) in advance and at the door. 487-2282.

★"Waiting" & "The End of Civilization as We Know It": U-M Basement Arts. See 11 Thursday. 7 & 11 p.m.

"Funky Frosty Friday": Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation. Feb. 12 & 26. Public skating under mirrored balls to themed music. Also, costume contests. Today: "Valentine Skate." Skating to romantic pop music. Also this month: "Rock the 80s Skate" (Feb. 26). Wear spandex and skate to hair bands and monster ballads. 7:15-8:45 p.m., Buhr Park Ice Rink, 2751 Packard. \$6 (youths age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & over, \$5). \$1 discount for city residents. Skate rentals available (\$3). 761-7240.

★Older Lesbians Organizing. All lesbians invited to discuss their favorite books of 2009. 7:30 p.m., WRAP office (upstairs), 319 Braun Ct. Free. 995-9867.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee": Pioneer High School Theatre Guild. Feb. 12-14 & 19-21. Allison McDowell and Eric Maier di-

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Dr. John and the Neville Brothers

*What it means
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Dr. John, born Malcolm John Rebennack Jr., and the four Neville Brothers have been making music in and away from New Orleans for about fifty years now. They're not household names, but most people with an interest in musical roots have some acquaintance with Aaron Neville's falsetto, soaring to the point of evanescence, and Dr. John's rollicking blues piano and theatrical fusions of blues and psychedelia. They've worked together in the past on numerous occasions, and with any luck at all their joint appearance at the Michigan Theater on February 17 (one day too late for Mardi Gras, wouldn't you know) should be a terrific example of quintessential New Orleans music-making.

Which means what, exactly? Neither of these acts conforms to the frat-boy hedonism sometimes associated with Louisiana music, and they sound quite different from each other. Dr. John is known for his rather wild take on the figure of the old piano "professor," and the Nevilles for their gorgeously smooth R&B and for great contemporary songs, such as "Sister Rosa," rooted in New Orleans traditions. But the Neville Brothers and Dr. John work well together because they draw from common sources and expand upon them creatively. They do a few of the same pieces, including the inscrutable "Iko Iko," and they've both tapped into something old, powerful, and generally impervious to tampering by the wider music industry—if not, unfortunately, to hurricane winds and subsequent neglect.

That "something" stretches back to the Afro-Caribbean layer of New Orleans culture. The music of both Dr. John and the Neville Brothers reveals itself, if you focus on it, as extraordinarily complex rhythmically. Hear everything that's going on, for example, in the rhythms of one of Dr. John's psychedelic swamp epics from his debut album, *Gris-Gris*, which after four decades still sounds like a set of discoveries other musicians have barely begun to exploit. Or hear the number of rhythmic forces



pushing against the chorus in the Neville's famed "Hey Pocky Way," a song which goes back to their early years as the Meters. The rhythms in this music don't just make you tap your feet, they stretch your mind.

A way of music-making drawn on African sources allows these musicians to make almost anything their own. The Nevilles can cover a song like Leonard Cohen's "Bird on a Wire," not a likely choice for them, without breaking a sweat, while Dr. John applies his piano to pure jazz readings of pop standards. He has a way of tying together R&B, 1950s pop, jazz, psychedelia, and the straight-ahead rock of his one big hit, "Right Place, Wrong Time," and reattaching them all to their common root.

For the most part, these methods don't transfer well to the medium of recordings—they depend on making rhythmic decisions that evolve as part of the interaction between musicians and audience. That's one reason Dr. John and the Neville Brothers aren't as well known as they should be, and one more reason to warm up your late winter with New Orleans music at its best.

—James M. Manheim

rect Pioneer students in William Finn and Rachael Sheinkin's Tony-winning musical comedy about 6 anxiously overachieving adolescents competing in a spelling bee run by 3 adults who have barely managed to escape childhood themselves. 7:30 p.m., Pioneer High School Little Theater, 601 W. Stadium at Main. Tickets \$12 (students, PHS staff, and seniors age 65 & over, \$9) in advance at Morgan & York (1928 Packard) and at the door. 994-2191.

"Aida": Huron High School Players. See 11 Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

"Guys and Dolls": Burns Park Players 26th Annual Production. See 5 Friday, 7:30 p.m.

*Angell Hall Observatory Open House: U-M Student Astronomical Society. Feb. 12 & 19. All invited to peer through the telescopes in the observatory and on the Angell Hall roof and to view shows in the planetarium. Also, short astronomy presentations by club members. 8-10 p.m., 5th floor rooftop observatory, Angell Hall (from the large State St. entrance, take one of the elevators on the left). Free. 764-3440.

Advanced English Dance: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. Ontario caller Tom Siess calls to music by Childgrove. For experienced dancers. 8-11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). \$10. (248) 288-4737.

*EMU Wind Symphony: EMU Music Department. Mary Schneider directs this music student ensemble in a program TBA. 8 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

*University Philharmonia Orchestra: U-M School of Music. Christopher Lees conducts this music student ensemble in Sibelius's Symphony no. 1. The program also includes a concerto TBA by one of the winners of the January concerto competition. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764-0594.

"Samba de Inverno": Acaizeiro (Canterbury House). This local septet, led by singer-guitarist Justin Douglas, plays classic sambas, bossa nova, and choros from the Brazilian Songbook. 8 p.m., Canterbury House, 721 E. Huron. \$10 (students, \$5). 761-3162.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 4 Thursday, 8 p.m.

"Gravity": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 11 Thursday, 8 p.m.

"Barbra's Wedding": Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. See 5 Friday, 8 p.m.

Lisa Landry: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 11 Thursday, 8 & 10:30 p.m.

13 SATURDAY

6th Annual Independence Lake Ice Fishing Derby: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. Kids and adults can compete in 2 divisions for prizes. Bring your own bait. 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Independence Lake County Park Beach Center, 3200 Jennings (north off North Territorial), Webster Twp. \$8 (kids 12 & under, \$4), includes vehicle entry fee and lunch. 449-4437.

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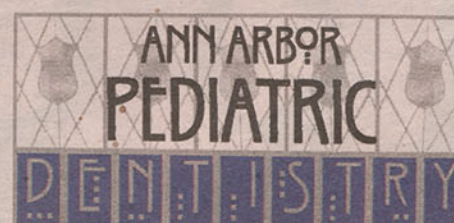
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★**Agility Trials:** Ann Arbor Dog Training Club. Feb. 13 & 14. Dog trainers lead their animals through an obstacle course and jumps of various heights. Spectators welcome. 8 a.m.-around 4 p.m., Canine Sports Recreation Center, 7275 W. Joy Rd., Dexter. Free to spectators. 995-2801.

★**MichComp 2010 Dancesport Competition:** U-M Ballroom Dance Team. The U-M team hosts a ballroom dance competition featuring teams from several Big 10 and other Midwest universities. The finals begin at 7 p.m. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Saline Middle School, 7190 Maple Rd., Saline. \$10 all day & \$8 after 7 p.m. (students with ID, \$5; kids under age 5, free) in advance at UofMballroom.com and at the door. (517) 615-0015.

★**Ecosystem Restoration Workday:** U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum. Feb. 13 & 20. All invited to help Matthaei staff members remove woody invasive shrubs. Dress for outdoor work. Snacks and tools provided, or bring your own. 9 a.m.-noon, meet at the Arb Reader Center (Feb. 13), 1610 Washington Hts. & Matthaei (Feb. 20), 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. Registration requested. 647-7600.

★**Huron Gun Collectors.** Feb. 13 & 14. About 100 dealers and collectors offer guns, knives, ammunition, and other hunting equipment, including antiques and collectibles. Concessions. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Sat.) & 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Sun.), Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Admission \$4. (517) 605-0624.

★**"Hot Chocolate! Winter Adventure Saturdays":** U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Kids invited to learn about the origins of chocolate, look at chocolate and vanilla plants, and make chocolate treats to take home. Refreshments. 10 a.m.-noon, Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. \$5 materials fee (includes conservatory admission). Preregistration required. 647-7600.

★**Remote-Controlled Car Racing:** Washtenaw RC Raceway. Feb. 13 & 27. One of the largest regular gatherings of RC racers in the country features off-road dirt-track racing for stock and modified model electric trucks and buggies. Spectators welcome. Concessions. 10:30 a.m. (doors open at 8 a.m.)-midnight, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Free admission. \$16 to race. (313) 565-2815.

★**"IFOs: Identified Flying Objects":** Leslie Science and Nature Center. Kids of all ages (accompanied by an adult) invited to build rockets and hot air balloons and investigate birds, seeds, and other natural flying contraptions. 1-3 p.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. \$8 (family, \$30). 997-1533.

★**Chinese New Year's Celebration:** Ann Arbor Chinese Center of Michigan. A festive party with student performances (1-3 p.m.) and activities (3-5 p.m.), including face painting, Chinese riddles, paper cutting, mah-jongg, and more. Also, Taiwanese home-style food. 1-5 p.m., WCC Morris Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free admission; 25¢ per food and game token at the door. \$5 advance tickets (includes 25 tokens) available at the Chinese school (Northside Elementary, 7-9 p.m. Fri.). 434-1059, 272-1989.

★**Victorian Valentine Tea:** Kempf House Museum. Feb. 13 & 14. An elegant traditional tea with a menu that includes both sweets and savories. Period attire welcome. This popular annual fund-raiser usually sells out well in advance. 1:30 p.m., Kempf House, 312 S. Division. \$25 (members, \$20). Reservations required. 994-4898.

★**"Wildlife Safari":** Waterloo Natural History Association. Nelson's Wildlife Safari (Canton) owner Nelson Pearson presents a hands-on introduction to some unusual animals from around the world. 2 p.m., Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Rd. (west from Pierce Rd. off I-94 exit 157), Chelsea. \$2 (family, \$5). \$6 vehicle entry fee. 475-3170.

★**"Valentine's Needlefelting":** FOUND. All invited to decorate a felted ball with recycled wool hearts. 2-4 p.m., FOUND, Kerrytown Shops. \$4 materials fee. 302-3060.

★**"Create a Valentine":** Ann Arbor District Library. All kids from preschoolers to 5th graders invited to make a Valentine's Day card. 2-4 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327-4200.

★**"Chinese Language Storytime":** Ann Arbor District Library. Ann-Hua Chinese School teacher HongMei Delosh presents a storytelling program (in Chinese) for preschoolers through 3rd graders to celebrate Chinese New Year. 2-3 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327-4200.

★**"An Economy of Means":** UMMA. Feb. 13, 27, & 28. Docent-led tours of the current contemporary art exhibit. 2 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 763-UMMA.

★**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee":** Pioneer High School Theatre Guild. See 12 Friday, 2 p.m.

★**"Guys and Dolls":** Burns Park Players 26th Annual Production. See 5 Friday, 4 p.m.

★**University Lowbrow Astronomers.** Feb. 13 & 20. A chance to join local astronomy buffs for a look at the sky through Peach Mountain Observatory's huge, 24-inch McMath telescope and other instruments. Participants encouraged to bring their own telescopes. Visitors must turn off all electronic equipment (car radios, transmitters, phones, etc.) at the observatory entrance. Program canceled if sky is overcast at sunset or if the weather is extremely inclement. 6 p.m.-12:30 a.m. or as long as the sky remains clear, Peach Mountain Observatory, North Territorial Rd. (about 1 1/4 miles west of Hudson Mills Metropark), Dexter. Free. 332-9132.

★**U-M Women's Gymnastics vs. Minnesota.** The U-M squad also has a meet this month against Utah (Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.). 6 p.m., Crisler Arena. \$3 (youths age 12 & under, \$1; U-M students, free). 763-2159.

★**U-M Men's Gymnastics vs. Illinois-Chicago.** The U-M squad also has a meet this month against Oklahoma (Feb. 20, 2 p.m.). 7 p.m., Cliff Keen Arena, 616 E. Hoover. \$3 (youths age 12 & under, \$1; U-M students, free). 763-2159.

★**Vivo Sinfonietta: University Lutheran Chapel.** Brett Luginbill conducts this local chamber ensemble in Haydn's Symphony no. 99 in E-flat major and Mendelssohn's Symphony no. 1 in C minor. 7 p.m., University Lutheran Chapel, 1511 Washtenaw. \$15 (students, \$5). 971-0550, 327-6914.

★**"Nora" and "Julie":** EMU Theater Department. See 12 Friday, 7 p.m.

★**"Waiting" and "The End of Civilization As We Know It":** U-M Basement Arts. See 11 Thursday, 7 p.m.

★**"Heart of the Lion Valentine's Dinner Dance":** Ann Arbor Evening Lions Club. Steak, chicken, or vegetarian dinner, followed at 9 p.m. by dancing to late-30s swing and 40s R&B by the II-V-I Orchestra, a veteran local big band led by saxophonist David Swain. Cash bar. Silent auction of donated goods and services. Proceeds benefit the Lions Club, a service organization that primarily helps the visually impaired, and the U-M Mott Children's Hospital. 7:30 p.m., Eagle Crest Resort, 1275 S. Huron, Ypsilanti. \$50. Reservations requested by Feb. 6. 485-3579.

★**"Aida":** Huron High School Players. See 11 Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

★**Ballroom Dancing Night:** Pittsfield Township Parks and Recreation Department. Ballroom dancing to recorded music from the last several decades. Singles and couples invited. Refreshments. Preceded at 7 p.m. by a lesson. 8-10:30 p.m., Pittsfield Twp. Recreation Hall, S. State at Ellsworth. \$5 (includes lesson). 822-2120.

★**Valentine's Ball: Grand Traditions Vintage Dance Academy.** Dancing to popular music from the early 1900s by the Huron Valley Serenaders. Vintage attire encouraged. Preceded at noon by dance workshops. 8-11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). \$25 (includes workshops) in advance at vintagedance.com and by phone; \$30 at the door. 769-0041.

★**2nd Saturday Contra Dance.** Don Theyken calls to music by the Sharon Hollow String Band. No partner needed. Beginners welcome. 8 p.m., Webster Community Hall, 5665 Webster Church Rd. between Joy and North Territorial, Dexter. \$8. 408-1829, 996-8359.

★**"Mr. B's Annual Birthday Bounce":** Kerrytown Concert House. World-renowned local blues pianist Mark "Mr. B" Braun celebrates his birthday in this popular annual concert. An exuberant, powerful performer whose repertoire includes both boogie-woogie and blues classics and originals in the same mold, Mr. B has performed and recorded with world-class artists such as the late drummer J.C. Heard and Detroit percussionist Roy Brooks. 8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Tickets \$15-\$30. Reservations recommended. 769-2999.

★**Jazz Festival Concert:** U-M School of Music. The U-M Jazz Ensemble is joined by the New York-based Christian McBride Band and the Detroit Jazz Festival Orchestra in the world premiere of acclaimed bassist McBride's *The Movement Revisited*, a work that pays tribute—through spoken words and music—to Rosa Parks, Muhammad Ali, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King. The program begins with a performance by the U-M jazz ensemble, directed by Ellen Rowe. 8 p.m., Power Center. Tickets \$15-\$25 (students with ID, \$12) in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office, and (if available) at the door. 763-TKTS.

★**"We're in the Money!":** Arbor Opera Theater Annual Valentine's Cabaret. Feb. 13 & 14. This polished local opera company presents a 1930s-style variety show, with singing, old-style radio commercials, and possibly dancing. Live music by a jazz trio. 8 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1500 Scio Church Rd. Tickets \$25 (VIP seats, \$35) in advance at arboropera.com and at the door. 332-9063.

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★**"Kamikaze Theater": U-M Residential College Players.** RC students present 2 one-act plays that have been conceived, written, and rehearsed within the past 24 hours. 8 p.m., RC Keene Theater, East Quad, 701 East University. Free. 647-4354.

★**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee":** Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 4 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

★**"Gravity": Purple Rose Theatre Company.** See 11 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

★**"Barbra's Wedding": Ann Arbor Civic Theatre.** See 5 Friday. 8 p.m.

★**Lisa Landry: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase.** See 4 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

★**International Folk Dancing.** Dancing to recorded music. Preceded at 8 p.m. by a lesson. 9-11 p.m., the barn at Gretchen's House V, 2625 Traver. \$3-\$5 (students, \$1-\$3) donation. 995-0011.

14 SUNDAY

★**Ann Arbor Unitarian Fellowship.** Feb. 14 & 28. Today: AAUF member Doug Tracy discusses "Reasons for Unbelief." Also this month: retired UAW economist Peter Eckstein discusses "The Financial Crisis and How to Solve It" (Feb. 28). 10 a.m., Burns Park Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 994-4473.

★**"Dancing Babies": Ann Arbor District Library.** First Steps Washtenaw instructor Monica Higman leads infants through 5-year-olds (accompanied by an adult) in a program of music and movement. 1-4 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327-4200.

★**"Miniature Dendrobiums": Ann Arbor Orchid Society.** AAOS president Alex Challis discusses some species and new Australian hybrids of this common yet lovely orchid. Also, an orchid show-and-tell, orchid sales, a silent auction, raffles, and a chance to ask experts about plant problems. 1:45 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens auditorium, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 663-0756.

★**"Whooooo Will Be Your Valentine?": Leslie Science and Nature Center.** All invited to help make decorations for a new enclosure for the barn owl that will join the LSNCR population once it has completed its rehabilitation this spring. Also, barn owl Valentine craft activities. Chocolates. 2-4 p.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. \$6. 997-1553.

★**"Roses, Romance, and Valentines": Huron Valley Rose Society.** Screening of the rose garden portion of the PBS series *Gardens of the World with Audrey Hepburn*. Discussion. Refreshments. 2 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 277-0112.

★**"The Eye of the Beholder: European Drawings and Prints from the Pulgram-McSparran Collection": UMMA.** Docent-led tour of this current exhibit. 2 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 763-UMMA.

★**Friends of Four-Hand Piano.** Pianists of all abilities invited to bring their music for a casual afternoon of performing duets. An opportunity to meet other pianists and find partners for 4-hand and 2-piano music. Listeners welcome. 2 p.m., location TBA. Free. 971-6261, 485-5007.

★**Shape Note Singing: Ann Arbor Sacred Harp.** All invited to join an afternoon of shape note, or sacred harp, singing, a form of communal hymn singing that has its roots in colonial America. Songbooks available, but singers encouraged to bring their own. 2-5 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Free, but donations accepted for music scholarships. 678-7549, 761-1451.

★**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee":** Pioneer High School Theatre Guild. See 12 Friday. 2 p.m.

★**"Gravity": Purple Rose Theatre Company.** See 11 Thursday. 2 p.m.

★**"We're in the Money!": Arbor Opera Theater Annual Valentine's Cabaret.** See 13 Saturday. 3 p.m.

★**"Nora" and "Julie": EMU Theater Department.** See 12 Friday. 3 p.m.

★**"Aida": Huron High School Players.** See 11 Thursday. 3 p.m.

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★**"Black History Program": New Hope Baptist Church.** Performances TBA by church members in honor of Black History Month. Past performances have included poetry readings, skits, liturgical dances, and choir performances. 3:30 p.m., New Hope, 218 Chapin. Freewill offering. 994-4620.

★**Children's Puppet Shows: Dreamland Theater.** See 7 Sunday. 3:30 p.m.

★**"New Life": St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.** Deborah Frauff directs the church's combined choirs in a program celebrating the recently completed renovation of St. Andrew's sanctuary and Page Hall. Program: local composer Timothy Tikker's "Consecration Alleluia," Dohnanyi's "Locis Iste,"

Rollo Dillworth's "Marchin' to Freedom," Mokle-bust's arrangement for bells of "Be Thou My Vision" and his arrangement of "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!," Burkhardt's "Built on the Rock," and Haugen's "Lord, You Give the Great Commission." 4 p.m., St. Andrew's, 306 N. Division. Free. 662-4466.

★**"Schubert Piano Trios": University Musical Society.** Two members of the renowned Emerson String Quartet, cellist David Finckel and violinist Philip Setzer, are joined by Finckel's wife, acclaimed pianist Wu Han, in Schubert's Piano Trio in B-Flat Major and Piano Trio in E-Flat Major. 4 p.m., Rackham Auditorium. Tickets \$24-\$48 in advance at the Michigan League and ums.org, and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538.

★**Rainbow Book Club.** All invited to discuss *Brendan Wolf*, Brian Malloy's novel about a directionless young man who reluctantly juggles several identities, including scam artist, conservative Christian, and boyfriend and caregiver to an older gay man. 4:30-6 p.m., WRAP office, 325 Braun Ct. Free. 763-4168.

★**"Everybody Loves Alma": UMMA/U-M School of Music.** U-M music faculty members perform works by composers who were friends or lovers of Alma Schindler Mahler Werfel. Program: Mahler's *Ruckert Lieder*, Berg's Piano Sonata, and chamber works by Alexander Zemlinsky. Musicians include baritone Stephen Lusmann, pianists Martin Katz and Logan Skelton, soprano Caroline Helton, and others TBA. In conjunction with the current exhibit, *The Eye of the Beholder: European Drawings and Prints from the Pulgram-McSparran Collection*. 8 p.m., UMMA Apse, 525 S. State. Free. 763-UMMA, 764-0594.

★**"Beethoven Piano Concerti": U-M School of Music.** Feb. 14 & 21 (different programs). Tonight: Elim Chan conducts pianist Jonathan Cook and other music students in Beethoven's Concerto for Piano and Orchestra no. 1 in C Major. Warren Puffer Jones conducts pianist Nuri Oh and other students in Concerto for Piano and Orchestra no. 2 in B-Flat Major and Rondo for Piano and Orchestra in B-Flat Major. 8 p.m., U-M Music School Britton Recital Hall, 1100 Baitz Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

15 MONDAY (Presidents' Day)

★**"Lanie, 2010 American Girl of the Year": Barnes & Noble.** All girls ages 8 & older invited to discuss Jane Kurtz's books about the American Girl character Lanie Holland, a 10-year-old nature lover at odds with her indoor-loving family. Also, Lanie-related craft activity. Bring your American Girl dolls, if you like. 1 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3245 Washtenaw. Free. Reservations required; space limited. 973-1618.

★**"How to Be Gay": U-M Institute for Research on Women and Gender.** U-M English professor David Halperin discusses his new book about male homosexuality as a cultural practice. 4 p.m., Michigan Union Kuenzel Room. Free. 763-2047.

★**"Identifying Genes for Type 2 Diabetes": U-M Distinguished University Professorship.** Talk by U-M public health professor and human genetics researcher Michael Boehnke. 4 p.m., Rackham Amphitheatre. Free. 647-3944.

★**Embroiderers Guild of America.** Stitchers of all abilities invited to work on their projects, socialize, and learn about guild activities. 7 p.m., United Way, 2305 Platt. Free to visitors (\$30 annual dues for those who join). 975-4348.

★**"Current Ecological Issues of the Great Lakes": Ann Arbor District Library.** Talk by U-M Michigan Sea Grant College Program director James Diana. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

★**"Members Turn": Ann Arbor Women Artists.** Club members give short slide-illustrated talks about their artwork. 7:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 483-1897.

★**"Botany and Natural History of Former Farm Land: Jewels, Potential, and Challenges": Michigan Botanical Club.** YMCA naturalist Jim Mohr discusses the 1,200-acre Storer Camp in Jackson. 7:45 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. (810) 923-5860.

16 TUESDAY

★**Stephanie Rowden and Stephen Benson: EMU English Department Bathhouse Reading Series.** Readings by U-M Art professor Rowden, who is known for her audio installations exploring the expressive dimension of sound and its relation to human experience, and Maine psychologist Benson, a pioneer "language poet" whose poetry is known for its explorations of the process of improvisation. 12:30-2 p.m., EMU Student Center Auditorium, 900 Oakwood (between Washtenaw & N. Huron River Dr.), Ypsilanti. Free. 487-1310.

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★**Leo Sarkisian: U-M Library.** This veteran radio broadcaster and ethnomusicologist discusses his musical experiences, including the years he spent as host of the VOA show *Music Time in Africa*. Also, a display of Sarkisian's "Faces of Africa" paintings. Reception follows. 4-6 p.m., 100 Hatcher Graduate Library (enter from the Diag). Free. 615-7876.

★**"Youth.Out: Riot Youth Now and Into the Future": Neutral Zone.** Members of NZ's LGBT youth program Riot Youth give a presentation on the group's efforts and future plans. Followed by small group discussions. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Neutral Zone, 310 E. Washington. Free. 214-9995.

★**"Mardi Gras Dinner": Zingerman's Roadhouse.** Chef Alex Young hosts a New Orleans Mardi Gras dinner that draws on the region's pre-Acadian culinary traditions. 7 p.m., Zingerman's Roadhouse, 2501 Jackson. \$45 (beverages not included). Space limited; reservations required. 663-FOOD.

★**"Drumunity!"** Lori Fithian, a local drummer and drum teacher, leads a drum circle. Instruments provided, or bring your own. Kids welcome. Preceded at 6:45 p.m. by a brief drum lesson. 7-9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. 426-7818.

★**"Zingerman's Guide to Better Bacon": Ann Arbor District Library.** Zingerman's co-owner Ari Weinzwieg talks about his new historical cookbook and offers taste samples. Q&A. For teens in grade 6 & up and adults. Signing. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4560.

★**"Project Management: What, Why, and How": American Business Women's Association.** Talk by certified project manager Jean Lieberman. Preceded at 6 p.m. by networking and dinner. 7 p.m., Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Rd. \$19 (includes dinner). Pre-registration required at abwa-maia.org by Feb. 10. 763-9631.

★**"Winter Garden": Waters Place Borders.** Best-selling novelist Kristin Hannah reads from her new novel about sisters who reconnect after their father's death and learn about their Russian immigrant mother's terrifying past. Signing. 7 p.m., Borders, 3140 Lohr Rd. Free. 997-8884.

★**Writers Reading at Sweetwaters.** EMU and Pioneer High English teacher Jeff Kass, a 2-time Ann Arbor Poetry Slam grand champion, reads from his new chapbook, *Invisible Staircase*. Also, a reading by Kass's former student, Anthony Zick, a member of the 2008 Ann Arbor Youth Poetry Slam team featured in the HBO documentary *Brave New Voices*. Followed by an open mike for poets and other creative writers. 7-9 p.m., Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea, 123 W. Washington. Free. 369-2798.

★**"Big TOP Revue": Ann Arbor Summer Festival Fund-Raiser.** A 3-course dinner and cabaret performance. Followed at 9 p.m. by an after-party (age 21 and over only) with drinks and late-night follies. Moulin Rouge chic or cocktail attire encouraged. Dinner is preceded at 6 p.m. by a cocktail reception with live music. 7 p.m., Gratz, 326 S. Main. Tickets \$150 (after-party only, \$35) in advance at annarborsummerfestival.org. 994-5999.

★**"Chill the Drills": Huron Valley Sierra Club.** Sierra Club national Arctic conservation campaign organizer Kit McGurn discusses Arctic conservation issues. Refreshments. 7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. doug.cowherd@michigan.sierraclub.org

★**"Introducing the New UMMA": American Association of University Women.** UMMA communications director Karen Goldbaum discusses the newly expanded and renovated museum. 7:30 p.m., Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. Free. 973-6287.

★**U-M Contemporary Directions Ensemble: U-M School of Music.** Christopher Lees conducts this adventurous music student ensemble in a program of works by pioneering minimalists, including Philip Glass, Steve Reich, and others. The program culminates in Frederic Rzewski's *Coming Together*, a dramatic setting of letters written by Sam Melville, the bomber who was killed during the 1971 Attica prison riot. 8 p.m., UMMA Taubman Gallery, 525 S. State. Free. 764-0594, 763-UMMA.

17 WEDNESDAY

★**Book Club: Ann Arbor Senior Center.** All seniors age 50 & over invited to join Liz Gleich to discuss a book TBA at a2gov.org/senior. 12:15-1:30 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769-5911.

★**"Treatment Options for Miscarriage": U-M School of Public Health.** Lecture by U-M obstetrics and gynecology professor Vanessa Dalton. 3:30 p.m., 1755 SPH I, 1415 Washington Hts. Free. 936-1257.

★**Works-in-Progress Series: Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room.** See 3 Wednesday. Tonight: U-M Zell creative writing fellows Rasheeda Plenty and Catherine Calabro read from the poetry collec-

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Violinist Steve Shipp Is Back

And he's bringing the Czechs with him.

When Steve Shipp stepped down as concertmaster of the Ann Arbor Symphony six years ago, he'd held the job for fourteen years and helped take the orchestra from amateur to professional status. He'd been with them through the halcyon Carl St. Clair years and the tumultuous Sam Wong years to the start of the golden Arie Lipsky years. For some, his time with the A2SO peaked with his glorious account of Czech composer Bohuslav Martinů's rhapsodic Second Violin Concerto in 1998. But an injury sidelined Shipp in 2003, and it took years of extensive physical conditioning to get him playing again.

Fully healed at last, Shipp is back, violin in one hand, more Czech music in the other. Not that Shipp had ever really been away: for twenty-two years, he has been a professor of violin in the U-M School of Music. But since he's playing again, Shipp likes to perform some of his favorite music with one of his favorite pianists, Paul Schoenfeld. So for his concert on Sunday, February 21, Shipp has programmed nothing but Czech music. The recital features works by Bedřich Smetana, the father of modern Czech music; Antonín Dvořák, Smetana's greatest successor; and Josef Suk, Dvořák's favorite protégé.

As his Martinů concerto proved, Shipp is seemingly a natural at Czech music. With his sweet intonation, focused vibrato, and seamless legato, Shipp's playing has many elements in it taken from great Czech violinists. "There's a tonal quality to their playing, rich and romantic but not juicy, not Hungarian, not Gypsy, that I really admire," says Shipp of Czech violinists. He is equally complimentary of Czech composers. "It's a very rich musical country, but it's a classical country, and their music's not heart-on-the-sleeve, not the ebullient romanticism of Tchaikovsky or Mahler. There's always a



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reserve in Czech music and a discipline of composition and playing that I treasure."

Shipp's February 21 concert will feature Smetana's *From My Homeland*, a two-movement work similar in tone but distinct in content from his famous orchestral cycle *My Homeland*, and Dvořák's large-scale, deeply felt *Sonata in F major*. For the cognoscenti, however, the major event of the concert will be Shipp's performance of three works by Suk, a composer rarely played in this country though honored as one of the greats in his own. These are arrangements of *Love Song*, Suk's ardent declaration of love to Dvořák's daughter, and *Melodrama*, an adaptation of "The True Love of Radúz and Mahulena" (the opening movement of Suk's *Fairy Tale*), plus his *Ballade in D minor*, a virtuoso work of tremendous fire and brio. Opening the concert will be Jan Volfšek's late-classical *Sonata in G major*. Also on the program will be Leoš Janáček's pre-apocalyptic four-movement sonata written during the First World War, and Luboš Fišer's post-apocalyptic one-movement sonata, "Hands Written after the Second World War."

—James Leonard

tions they are working on. 7-9:30 p.m., *Crazy Wisdom*, 114 S. Main. Free. 665-2757.

★**Channelled Spiritual Discussion Group: Deep Spring Center.** All invited to share their spiritual and metaphysical questions with others with similar interests. The evening is led by Aaron, a "being of light" channeled by Barbara Brodsky, who offers a talk and answers personal and universal questions. Also, socializing. 7:30-9:30 p.m., 3003 Washtenaw, suite 2 (entry on Glenwood, next to Arby's). Free, but donations are accepted. 477-5848.

★**"Science in Dangerous Places: Field Work in Areas of Armed Conflict and Unrest": U-M Exhibit Museum Science Cafe.** U-M anthropology professor Henry Wright discusses his research in Iraq, Iran, and neighboring countries. Also, other U-M speakers TBA. Followed by discussion. Preceded at 5:30 p.m. by free hors d'oeuvres. 6-7:30 p.m., *Conor O'Neill's*, 318 S. Main. Free. 764-0478.

★**"Pan-Asian Cuisine": Ann Arbor District Library.** Talk, with food samples, by Pacific Rim owner and chef Duc Tang. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

★**"Music in the Neighborhood": Talk of the Neighborhood.** Performances by the local classic rock cover band *Six-Foot Pole*, the local ska and 80s-style pop quintet *Hullabaloo*, the versatile acoustic old-time, Cajun, and Zydeco sextet *Walk Chicken Walk*, and *Bill Bynum & Co.*, a quartet led by Downriver bluegrass-based singer-songwriter Bynum. Bring your own beer & wine. 7-9:30 p.m., *Keystone Underground Martini Bar*, 200 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti. Free. 483-5915.

★**Culinary History Reading Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers.** All invited to join a discussion of famous French chef and TV personality Jacques Pe-

pin's memoir *The Apprentice: My Life in the Kitchen*. 7:30-9 p.m., *Motte & Bailey*, 212 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 669-0451.

★**"Journey of the Cranes": Washtenaw Audubon Society.** Slide-illustrated talk by Dahlem Conservancy (Jackson) People for Wildlife coordinator Gary Siegrist. 7:30 p.m., *U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens*, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 677-3275.

The Neville Brothers and Dr. John & the Lower 911: The Ark/Michigan Theater Foundation. See review, p. 43. Double bill of New Orleans music legends. The Neville Brothers have been making music separately and together for more than 40 years—Art wrote the classic "Mardi Gras Mambo" in 1954, Aaron had a pop hit with "Tell It Like It Is" in 1966, and Art and Cyril formed the core of the Meters, the innovative 70s funk band. When they formed their current band in the early 80s, their heady amalgam of R&B, rock 'n' roll, funk, soul, jazz, and pure carnival spirits quickly made them favorites with critics and fellow musicians, but it wasn't until the release of their 1987 Grammy-winning LP, *Yellow Moon*, that they finally gained a wide audience. Mac "Dr. John" Rebennack is a prolific songwriter with a voice at once silken and gravelly, but he is best known as the reigning master of New Orleans-style piano. His blend of rock 'n' roll, R&B, gospel, boogie, blues, and funk is rooted in a long tradition shaped by the likes of Fats Domino, Huey Smith, and Dr. John's mentor, Roy "Professor Longhair" Byrd. He established his reputation among musicians as a session player in the 50s and 60s before gaining his own audience through his adopted persona as "Dr. John, the Night Tripper." He performs tonight with his band. 7:30 p.m., *The Ark*, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$29.50-\$47 in advance the Michigan Union Ticket Office & all



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"Bela Fleck: The Africa Project": University Musical Society. This legendary and restlessly adventurous banjo virtuoso has recently traveled to Uganda, Tanzania, Gambia, and Mali to explore the origins of the banjo and make the documentary *Throw Down Your Heart*. "The beauty of the songs comes directly from the mutual admiration of Fleck and his musical compatriots," says one review of the film. "The musicians literally converse through song, speaking notes in lieu of words." Tonight he performs with and introduces solo performances by some of the musicians featured in the film, including Ngoni Ba (a Malian band led by ngoni player Bassekou Kouyate), Tanzanian guitarist John Kitime, Tanzanian blind ilimba (thumb piano) player and singer Anania Ngoliga, and others. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$10-\$50 in advance at the Michigan League and ums.org, and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.

"Gravity": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 11 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Comedy Jamm": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 10 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

U-M Museum of Art Jazz Series. Performance by local jazz musicians TBA. 9 p.m., U-M Museum of Art, 525 S. State. \$5 at the door only. 764-0395.

18 THURSDAY

"Discovering the Arts and Letters": U-M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Every Thurs. (except Mar. 4), Feb. 18-Apr. 1. A series of 6 weekly lectures by different guest speakers. Open to anyone age 55 & over. Today: U-M English professor Ralph Williams discusses "Shakespeare in Our Lives." Also this month: Michigan Theater executive director Russ Collins on "The Dumb Show? The Need for Media Literacy" (Feb. 25), U-M university librarian Paul Courant on "The Future of Books" (Mar. 11), a panel discussion on "The IKEA Culture: The End of Art" (Mar. 18), U-M drama professor Malcolm Tulip on "Inter-Arts Performance: A New Interdisciplinary Joint Degree in Theater & Dance and Art & Design" (Mar. 25), and U-M screenwriting program coordinator James Burnstein on "If You Build It, They Will Come: How Incentives Put Michigan on the Movie Map (Based on a True Story)" (Apr. 1). 10-11:30 a.m., Executive Conference Center, 2900 Jackson Rd. \$50 (members, \$30) for the 6-lecture series, \$30 (members, \$10) per lecture. Memberships are \$20 a year. 998-9351.

"Under the African Sky": Wild Swan Theater. Feb. 18-20. This award-winning local children's theater presents a series of African folktales in celebration of Black History Month. With drumming and other music. As with all Wild Swan productions, the performance is interpreted in American Sign Language. Audio description and backstage "touch" tours are available by prearrangement for blind audience members. Appropriate for kids in grades 3-8. 10 a.m., WCC Morris Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Tickets \$12 (children & seniors, \$8; lap passes for kids age 2 & under, \$3) in advance and at the door. 995-0530.

"Growing Up Motown: Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, and the Making of Motown": U-M Center for Afroamerican and African Studies. Feb. 18 & 19. Two days of panel discussions and musical performances. Program TBA at lsa.umich.edu/caas. Noon, U-M Palmer Commons, 100 Washtenaw. Free. 764-5513.

"Let's Dance to the Music": International Neighbors. All area women invited to learn Latin and other popular dancing styles taught by Pittsfield Senior Center director and dance instructor Carol Presley. Nursery care provided for preschoolers. Refreshments. 1-2:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church social hall, 1500 Scio Church Rd. Free. 995-1645.

"Tour of the DAR Period Room": Daughters of the American Revolution. Club member Patricia Dennert discusses the Michigan Room at the DAR Museum in Washington, D.C. 1 p.m., Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. Free. 975-1976.

"Weird and Wonderful Map Projections": U-M Map Library 3rd Thursday Series. Display of Oronce Fine's 1531 cordiform (heart-shaped) map of the earth and many others. 4-7 p.m., Map Library, Hatcher Graduate Library 8th floor. 764-0407.

U-M English Department Zell Visiting Writers Series. See 4 Thursday. Today: Fiction reading by Ron Carlson, a California short story writer and novelist whose work has appeared in *Harper's* and *The New Yorker* and on NPR's *This American Life*. He "writes like Hemingway without the misogyny and self-parody," says a *Washington Post* review of his 2009 novel, *The Signal*. 5:10 p.m.

"Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story": Ann Arbor District Library. Screening of Eric Paul Fournier's award-winning

2000 documentary about Korematsu's 40-year struggle for official acknowledgement of his forced internment with other Japanese Americans during WW II. Followed by a discussion led by U-M Community Scholars Program faculty and students. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

★**"U.S. Citizenship": Ann Arbor District Library.** Talk by U-M International Center faculty & staff immigration services director Tracy Schauf. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3334 Traver at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327-4200.

★**"Ethical Responsibility: What Compels One to Act": Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room Salon.** Panel discussion with U-M Hillel assistant director Rabbi Nathan Martin, First Unitarian Universalist minister emeritus Ken Phifer, and U-M public health professor emerita Irene Butter, cofounder of the Palestinian-Jewish women's dialogue group Zeitouna. Moderated by Washtenaw Jewish News editor Susan Ayer. 7-9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 665-2757.

★**"Orchestra Night": Ann Arbor Public Schools.** This gala concert features hundreds of student performers in orchestras from all 5 Ann Arbor middle schools, plus the Huron, Skyline, and Pioneer symphony orchestras. 7 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 994-2314.

★**"Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog": U-M Basement Arts.** Feb. 18-20. Corey Lubowich directs U-M students in a stage adaptation of Joss Whedon's hilarious musical—which originated as an Internet short film—about an aspiring villain and his efforts to get evil cred and steal his laundromat crush away from a pompous hero. 7 p.m., U-M Walgreen Drama Center Studio One, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. Free. basement.studentorgs.umich.edu

★**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee": Encore Musical Theatre Company.** See 4 Thursday. 7 p.m.

★**"Nora" and "Julie": EMU Theater Department.** See 12 Friday. 7 p.m.

★**"Native American Plants and Their Uses Past and Present": Michigan Archaeological Society.** Talk by local botanist Bronwen Gates. 7:30 p.m., Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, 424 S. State. Free. (248) 437-4183.

★**"God's Mechanics: Religious Life of Techies": St. Mary Student Parish/U-M Astronomy Department.** Talk by Vatican research astronomer and planetary scientist Guy Consolmagno. Consolmagno also gives a talk at 4 p.m. on "Meteorites, Asteroids, and the Structure of the Solar Nebula" (807 Dennison, 500 Church St.). 7:30 p.m., St. Mary Student Parish, 133 Thompson St. Free. 663-0557.

★**"Mostly Fictional Characters": Ypsilanti Community Band.** Jerry Robbins directs this 70-member adult band in a program of music about fictional characters highlighted by the theme from *The Muppet Show*, selections from the Broadway show *Wicked*, and classical works featured in Bugs Bunny cartoons. The band is also joined by renowned euphonium player Adam Frey in Frey's arrangement of "Nessun Dorma" from Puccini's *Turandot*, his arrangement of Hartmann's incredibly difficult theme and variations on "Rule Britannia," and other works. 7:30 p.m., WCC Morris Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. 904-5453.

★**"Our Town": U-M Theatre Department.** Feb. 18-21. Jerry Schwiebert directs U-M theater students in Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning portrait of a small town at the beginning of the 20th century, a perennially popular classic of American theater for 72 years. 7:30 p.m., Lydia Mendelssohn Theater, Michigan League. Tickets \$18 & \$24 (students, \$9) at the Michigan League Box Office in advance and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-0450.

★**"All's Well That Ends Well": U-M Theatre Department.** Feb. 18-21. Malcolm Tulip directs U-M theater students in Shakespeare's dark comedy about a lowly woman who must perform a string of impossible tasks to gain the hand of a haughty count. 7:30 p.m., U-M Walgreen Drama Center Arthur Miller Theater, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. Tickets \$18 & \$24 (students, \$9) at the Michigan League Box Office in advance and at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-0450.

★**Philip Adamson: EMU Music Department.** This University of Windsor piano professor presents "War and English Music," a program of music and commentary reflecting the impact of war on 20th-century English composers. 8 p.m., Alexander Recital Hall, Lowell at E. Circle Dr., EMU campus, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

★**"Faculty Showcase Concert": U-M School of Music.** Program TBA. 8 p.m., U-M Music School Britton Recital Hall, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

★**"Visions of Russia": Concordia University.** Concordia University and EMU piano professor Larisa Simington performs selections from Rach-

maninov's *Etudes-Tableaux*, Prokofiev's *Visions Fugitives*, and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Simington also performs this program at EMU Feb. 24 (see listing). 8 p.m., Concordia University Chapel of the Holy Trinity, 4090 Geddes at Earhart. Free. 995-4612.

★**"It Came from Mars": Performance Network Professional Season.** Every Thurs.-Sun., Feb. 18-Mar. 21. Tony Caselli directs local playwright Joseph Zettela's off-the-wall play about a group of radio actors—a washed-up director, his diva ex-wife, a wanna-be war hero, and a German sound effects wiz—terrified by Orson Welles' *War of the Worlds* broadcast. Cast: Wayne David Parker, Joseph Albright, Sandra Birch, Jacob Hodgson, Alycia Kolasch, and Morgan Chard. 8 p.m., Performance Network, 120 E. Huron. Preview tickets: whatever you can afford to pay (Feb. 18), \$22 (Feb. 19, 21, & 25), and \$30 (Feb. 10). Feb. 26 opening night tickets: \$39 & \$41 includes reception. After Feb. 26: \$27 & \$29 (Thurs.), \$32 & \$34 (Fri. & Sat.), \$25 & \$27 (Sat. matinee), \$39 & \$41 (Sat. eve.). \$3 discount for seniors age 60 & over. Tickets available in advance at performancenetwork.org & by phone, and at the door. \$10 student discount in advance, half-price student tickets at the door only. For reservations, call 663-0681; to charge by phone, call 663-0696.

★**"Gravity": Purple Rose Theatre Company.** See 11 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**Norm Stulz: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase.** Feb. 18-20. Veteran Detroit stand-up comic who specializes in funny tales about raising 3 kids and other aspects of family life. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all Fri. & Sat. early shows are nonsmoking. 8 p.m., 314 E. Liberty (below Seva restaurant). \$7 (Thurs.) & \$10 (Fri. & Sat.) reserved seating in advance, \$9 (Thurs.) & \$12 (Fri. & Sat.) general admission at the door. 996-9080.

19 FRIDAY

★**"Under the African Sky": Wild Swan Theater.** See 18 Thursday. 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

★**Lenten Recital Series: American Guild of Organists.** Every Fri. through Mar. 26. Noontime concerts by professional and student organists on the First Congregational Church's mighty Wilhelm organ. Noon, First Congregational Church, 608 E. William. Free. 662-4466.

★**31st Annual Lenten Fish Fry: Old St. Patrick's Church.** Every Fri., Feb. 19-Mar. 26. Fried Alaskan pollack, choice of potato, salad bar, and beverage. Desserts available for a nominal additional charge. Beer & wine available for donation. Be prepared to stand in line, but the food is worth the wait. 4:30-8 p.m., Old St. Pat's parish hall, 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd. at Northfield Church (3 miles north of Ann Arbor). \$7.50 (seniors, \$7; children 5-11, \$6.50; children 4 & under, free). 662-8141.

★**Sauerkraut Supper: Bethlehem United Church of Christ.** Includes pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes & gravy, spaetzle, veggies, and pie. 6-7:30 p.m., Bethlehem UCC, 423 S. Fourth Ave. \$10 (kids 10 & under, \$4). 665-6149.

★**"Artini 2010": Ann Arbor Art Center Fund-Raiser.** All invited to visit several downtown restaurants to taste martinis created for the occasion. Followed at 10 p.m. by a party at Cafe Felix. 6 p.m., begins at the Art Center, 117 W. Liberty. \$35 in advance at annarborartcenter.org by Jan. 29; \$45 after Jan. 29. 994-8004, ext. 120.

★**Parents' Night Out: Ann Arbor YMCA.** Kids ages 2-10 can enjoy dinner, games, and sports, and (age 5 & older only) a dip in the pool. 6:15-10 p.m., YMCA, 400 W. Washington. \$30 (members, \$25). Preregistration required. 661-8058.

★**"Some True Stories": U-M College of Architecture and Urban Planning.** New York City writer and architect Keller Easterling discusses her multimedia project that explores the relationship between architecture, urbanism, and ideals. 6:30 p.m., 2104 Art + Architecture Bldg., 2000 Bonisteel. 764-1300.

★**"Creative Adaptation": Concordia University Krefl Center for the Arts.** A curator discusses the current exhibit of works by various artists from around the country (see Galleries). Reception. 7-9 p.m., Krefl Center Gallery, 4090 Geddes at Earhart. Free. 995-4612.

★**Mark Webster Reading Series: U-M English Department.** See 12 Friday. Today: prose by Meggy Wang and poetry by Shane Slattery-Quintanilla. 7 p.m.

★**"Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog": U-M Basement Arts.** See 18 Thursday. 7 & 11 p.m.

★**"Nora" and "Julie": EMU Theater Department.** See 12 Friday. 7 p.m.

★**"Audience Participation Night": Ann Arbor Train & Trolley Watchers.** All invited to join local rail fans and bring 10 minutes' worth of slides picturing trains. This year's theme is "Conrail." 7:30



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p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division. Free. 996-8345, 971-8329.

★**Ann Arbor Kirtan.** All invited to join a group performance of this traditional devotional call-and-response music based on Hindu Vaishnava texts and the writings of poet-saints. Accompanied by live music based on rhythmic Indian ragas on bass guitar, tabla, and drums. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill St. Free, but donations accepted. 761-7435.

★**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee":** Pioneer High School Theatre Guild. See 12 Friday. 7:30 p.m.

★**Symphony Band Chamber Winds:** U-M School of Music. Scott Boerma and John Pasquale conduct this music student ensemble in Vaughan Williams' *Scherzo alla Marcia*, Beethoven's *Octet*, Francaix's *Nine Characteristic Pieces*, and Stravinsky's *Octet*. 8 p.m., U-M Walgreen Drama Center Stamps Auditorium, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

★**"A Dozen Sugar-Free Love Songs (Still Sick from Valentine's Day)":** Canterbury House. Jazz and pop-folk by Miss Katie, a local singer-songwriter-guitarist who also plays French horn, veena (Indian lute), and keyboards. Tonight she's backed by the Mere Kats, a band of U-M music majors. Opening act is My Dear Disco bassist Christian Carpenter. 8 p.m., Canterbury House, 721 E. Huron. \$10 (students, \$5). 761-3162.

★**Claudia Schmidt: Green Wood Coffee House Series (First United Methodist Church).** A longtime local favorite with both folk and jazz audiences, Schmidt is a Traverse City vocalist known for her strikingly luminous, warmly ingratiating voice. 8 p.m., FUMC Green Wood Church, 1001 Green Rd. at Glazier Way. \$12 (kids 10 & under, 2 for the price of 1) in advance and at the door. 665-8558.

★**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee":** Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 4 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"Our Town":** U-M Theatre Department. See 18 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"Gravity":** Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 11 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"All's Well That Ends Well":** U-M Theatre Department. See 18 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"It Came from Mars":** Performance Network Professional Season. See 18 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**Norm Stulz: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase.** See 4 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

20 SATURDAY

★**24th Annual Winter Fleece Fair: Spinners Flock.** Sale of huge array of hand-spun yarns and fibers for spinning and felting. Also, sheepskins, quilt bats, and supplies for spinning, weaving, and knitting (including spinning wheels and dyes). Members offer demos throughout the day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer, Chelsea. Free admission. 747-8112, 769-1657.

★**"Getting Folks to Lie Well":** Ann Arbor District Library. Charleston, WV, storyteller Bill Lepp, who is one of the headliners at the Ark's annual Storytelling Festival (see listing below), introduces adults and kids in grade 6 & up to the art of telling tall tales. 10 a.m.-noon, AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

★**"Elmo's Birthday Storytime":** Borders. Kids ages 2-7 invited to hear Sesame Street stories and make an art project to celebrate Elmo's 3rd birthday. 11 a.m., Downtown (612 E. Liberty), Arborland (3527 Washtenaw), & Waters Place (3140 Lohr Rd.) Borders stores. Free. 668-7652 (Downtown), 677-6948 (Arborland), 997-8884 (Waters Place).

★**"Under the African Sky":** Wild Swan Theater. See 18 Thursday. 11 a.m.

★**"Stone Soup":** Performance Network Children's Theater Network. Betsy Fox directs local playwright James Ingagiola's and local composer Patrick Farrell's musical comedy adaptation of the Brothers Grimm fairy tale about neighbors who learn to come together and share what little they have for a greater common good. Cast: Jeremy Salvatori, Anne Rhoades, Tiffany Jones. 1 p.m., Performance Network, 120 E. Huron. Tickets \$10 (youth 16 & under, \$7) in advance at performancenetwork.org & by phone, and at the door. For reservations or to charge by phone, call 663-0681.

★**"Stapp Nature Area Winter Hike":** Ann Arbor District Library. City natural area preservation staff lead a family-friendly tour of this natural area adjacent to the new AADL Traverwood Branch to learn about native plants and trees, invasive plants, ecological restoration, and volunteer opportunities. Followed by a Q&A and warm drinks. 2-3:30 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327-4200.

★**"Buhr Blitz":** Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation. Public skating, with a family-oriented program of games and contests. Prizes. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Buhr

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Peter Brötzmann and Fred Lonberg-Holm

Intercontinental bridge

European jazz truly came into its own in the 60s, when musicians in the Netherlands, England, and Germany, long inspired by models from the U.S., programmatically sought to develop indigenous forms of expression. The music they created was often volatile, loud, and provocative, as befitting the tumultuous politics and social upheavals of the time. German clarinetist and saxophonist Peter Brötzmann was one of the main protagonists of this first wave of independent European improvisers. While some of his cohorts have left us or have found security in more tempered playing, Brötzmann has remained true to the musical ideals of his youth.

He began his artistic quest as a visual artist but soon developed a love of music and taught himself to play a broad range of wind instruments. A powerful man, he attacked his horns in a visceral manner, sometimes seeming to scream through the wood and metal. Commentators have often mischaracterized him as a disciple of the American saxophonist Albert Ayler, but his playing is much more varied and lyrical than that. In a way, his approach can be structurally compared with that of Ben Webster, a swing era saxophonist known for his lyrical ballad playing who played with an enormous sound and was nicknamed "The Brute."

Brötzmann likes to create different sound palates, and therefore often changes instruments during a performance. But his search for soundscapes reaches further, and his music is essentially collaborative, architectural, and orchestral, whether working in a duo or leading his all-star tentet. On the rare occasion when he performs or records



by himself, his improvised solos likewise reveal a concern for thematic development and structural complexity.

Although initially identified with the European free jazz movement of the 60s, he has always collaborated with American players—first with expatriates such as Steve Lacy and later with musicians in this country. Recently he has been collaborating closely with colleagues from Chicago, especially with those who have been part of his long-lasting tentet.

Among these is Fred Lonberg-Holm, a cellist who has created a whole new vocabulary for the instrument, so much so that he sometimes refers to himself as an "ant-cellist." In the tentet Lonberg-Holm is often overwhelmed, but in smaller groups he is a subtle collaborator who shuttles back and forth between lead and support roles and often finds just the right way to move the music along. Such is the case in the only recorded document of a duet concert by these two musicians, on a CD entitled *The Brain of the Dog in Sections*. The recital begins in typical swaggering Brötzmann fashion, but slowly Lonberg-Holm asserts his own role, and the two take the music into new areas that are not necessarily typical of either player, creating a new artistic synthesis. Expect something similar when the two play together at the Kerrytown Concert House on February 22.

—Piotr Michalowski

Park Ice Rink, 2751 Packard. \$6 (youths age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & over, \$5). Skate rentals (\$3) available. 971-3228.

"Winter Beach Blast": Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Fundraiser. A beach-themed party with live entertainment by NYC-based comedian Kevin McPeck, a popular 300-pound monologist who likes to spar with his audience and regale it with visions of himself naked. Followed by rock and pop classics by the area band 56Daze. Also, a silent auction. 6:30 p.m.-1 a.m., Washtenaw Farm Council, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Tickets \$35 in advance at cfpartyforbreath.com and at the door. 429-2269.

"9th Annual Dance on Camera Festival": U-M Dance Department. Feb. 20 & 21 (different locations). Screening of a video of a juried selection of videodance works from around the world featured in the recent 37th Annual Dance on Camera Festival at Lincoln Center in New York. Videodance is a hybrid art form that combines the dynamics of dance and the moving body with film/video editing and direction, animation, and computer technology. 7-9 p.m., UMMA Helmut Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State. Free. 647-2288.

"A Toast to Fats Waller": Kerrytown Concert House. A Detroit jazz quartet plays Waller favorites. Members include stride pianist Alvin Waddles, bassist Marion Hayden, reeds player Gene Parker, and drummer Djallo Djake. Wine and beer are served. 7 & 9 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$15-\$30. Reservations recommended. 769-2999.

"Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog": U-M Basement Arts. See 18 Thursday. 7 p.m.

"Nora" and "Julie": EMU Theater Department. See 12 Friday. 7 p.m.

"23rd Annual Storytelling Festival": The Ark. Feb. 20 & 21. Performances by top-notch storytellers from around the country and the state. Headliners are Linda Gorham, an exuberant storyteller from Aurora, IL, who uses movement and sometimes zany humor to tell updated versions of African American folktales, and Bill Lepp, a Charleston, WV, storyteller with a flair for spinning tall tales about everyday

life who got his start when he won the 1990 West Virginia Liars Contest. Opening acts are local storytellers Yvonne Healy and Darryl Mickens. 7:30 p.m., The Ark, 316 S. Main. Tickets \$20 (Feb. 20) & \$10 (Feb. 21 family concert) in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio, the Michigan Union Ticket Office, & all other Ticketmaster outlets; and at the door. To charge by phone, call 763-TKTS.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee": Pioneer High School Theatre Guild. See 12 Friday. 7:30 p.m.

"Listening to the Sacred in Our Lives": Beth Israel Congregation. Talk by Minnesota rabbi Amy Eilberg, the first woman Conservative rabbi. 8 p.m., Beth Israel Congregation, 2000 Washtenaw. Free. 665-9897.

3rd Saturday Contra Dance: Cobblestone Farm Dancers. Robin Warner and Peter Baker call to music by the Millers. No partner needed; all dances taught. Preceded by a lesson at 7:30 p.m. 8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). \$10. 426-0241.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 4 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Gravity": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 11 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"It Came from Mars": Performance Network Professional Season. See 18 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

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Norm Stulz: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 18 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

"Girls Night Out with Tracy Mack": Shout! Cabaret and Gallery. Performances by local blues-rock and folk-rock singer-songwriter Mack and the Sterling Heights acoustic pop duo Sunny Side Up. 9 p.m.-midnight, Shout!, 325 Braun Ct. \$5 cover. 663-0036.

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21 SUNDAY

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★"Stinchfield Woods": Huron Valley Sierra Club. Local outdoorsman Barry Lonik leads a 5-mile ski or hike (depending on trail conditions) through the woods. 1 p.m., meet at Zingerman's Roadhouse (2501 Jackson Rd.) to carpool. Free. 477-5715.

★"Chesstastic!": Ann Arbor District Library. Everyone from kindergartners to adults invited to play chess. Chess sets provided. 1-4 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327-4200.

"23rd Annual Storytelling Festival": The Ark. See 20 Saturday. Today's show is a family concert. 1 p.m.

★"Winter Walkabout": Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy/Superior Land Conservancy. All invited for refreshments and socializing, followed at 2 p.m. by a leisurely 1½-mile walk in the nearby Cherry Hill Nature Preserve. Dress for the weather. 1:15 p.m., Superior Township Hall, 3040 N. Prospect at Cherry Hill, Superior Twp. Free. 484-6565.

"Take Your Best Shot": Leslie Science and Nature Center. LSN naturalist Stefan Szumko leads a hike through the winter woods and offers tips on nature photography. Bring your digital camera. 2-4 p.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. \$8 (family, \$30). 997-1533.

Family Dance: Pittsfield Union Grange. All children and their parents or grandparents invited for contra and square dancing with live music. Followed by cocoa and Grange-baked cookies. 2-4 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). \$12 per family. 769-1052.

★"The Rugged, Manly Art of Knitting": Ann Arbor District Library. Two experienced knitters from the AADL staff host a knitting session for male knitters of all levels of ability from 6th graders to adults. Materials & instruction provided. 2-3:30 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Free. 327-4200.

★"Historic Photographs of Ann Arbor": Ann Arbor District Library/Washtenaw County Historical Society. Illustrated presentation by retired U-M architecture professor Kingsbury Marzolf and popular local historian Wylan Stevens. 2-4 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

★"Sharing a Personal View of the Bible Exhibit": U-M Library. Curator Kathryn Beam discusses the current library exhibit, *A History of the Bible from Ancient Papyri to King James*. 2 p.m., 100 Hatcher Graduate Library (enter from the Diag). Free. 615-7876.

"Our Town": U-M Theatre Department. See 18 Thursday, 2 p.m.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee": Pioneer High School Theatre Guild. See 12 Friday, 2 p.m.

"Gravity": Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 11 Thursday, 2 p.m.

"All's Well That Ends Well": U-M Theatre Department. See 18 Thursday, 2 p.m.

"It Came from Mars": Performance Network Professional Season. See 18 Thursday, 2 p.m.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee": Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 4 Thursday, 3 p.m.

"Ages and Stages": Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra. Adam Riccinto directs this volunteer community orchestra in a program highlighted by a performance of the Spanish Romantic composer Pablo de Sarasate's *Carmen Variations* featuring violinist Carmen Flesher, a Skyline High School student. Also, Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet*, Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite*, and Brahms' *Lullaby*. 3:30 p.m., WCC Morris Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. \$10 (seniors & kids under age 12, \$5; family of up to 2 adults & 2 kids under age 12, \$25) in advance at ypsilantisymphony.org and at the door. 507-1451.

Children's Puppet Shows: Dreamland Theater. See 7 Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

★"Jiffy: A Family Tradition—Mixing Business and Old-Fashioned Values": Culinary Historians of Ann Arbor. Local writer Cynthia Furlong Reynolds discusses her book about the Holmes family's Chelsea Milling Company. 4-6 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free. 769-5911.

Swedish Radio Choir: University Musical Society. This 32-member professional choir, one of the world's leading a cappella choirs, performs a program

highlighted by Frank Martin's Mass for Double Chorus. The program also includes Bach's "Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied," Mahler's "Ich bin der Welt abhanden gekommen," Ned Rorem's "In Time of Pestilence," and works by several Swedish composers. 4 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$10-\$50 in advance at the Michigan League and ums.org, and (if available) at the door. To charge by phone, call 764-2538.

★**Stephen Shipp's: U-M School of Music.** See review, p. 47. This U-M violin professor performs a program of Czech music. Accompanist is U-M piano professor Paul Schoenfeld. 5 p.m., U-M Walgreen Drama Center Stamps Auditorium, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

★**"Beethoven Piano Concerti": U-M School of Music.** See 14 Sunday. Today: Oriol Sans conducts pianist Gjergji Gagi and other music students in the Concerto for Piano and Orchestra in C Minor. Avlana Eisenberg conducts pianist Aya Yamamoto, violinist Matthew Leslie, cellist James Jaffe, and other music students in the Triple Concerto for Piano, Violin, Cello and Orchestra in C Major. 5 p.m.

★**"Community Drum Circle": Body-Mind-Spirit Wellness Centers.** Percussionist Curtis Glatte leads a free family-friendly drum circle. Bring a drum if you have one. 5-6 p.m., Body-Mind-Spirit Wellness Centers Studio B, 2007 S. State. Free. 945-8602.

★**"The Divine Language of Music": Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County Benefit Concert.** Includes choral music by the Willis Patterson Our Own Thing Chorale, the First Unitarian Universalist Choir, and the host Mormon Choir. 7 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1385 Green Rd. \$10 suggested donation. 424-1535.

★**"9th Annual Dance on Camera Festival": U-M Dance Department.** See 20 Saturday. 7 p.m.

★**"Music for Contemplation": St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.** Every Sun., Feb. 21-Mar. 28 (different programs). Today: Soprano Deborah Friauff, St. Andrew's music director, performs medieval Gregorian chant, medieval songs from the Cantigas de Santa Maria, and modern chant from Lou Harrison's Mass for St. Cecilia. 7:30 p.m., St. Andrew's, 306 N. Division. Free. 662-4466.

22 MONDAY

★**"The Book That Eats People": Ann Arbor District Library.** Local writer John Perry introduces his darkly comic children's book to kids from preschoolers through 3rd graders. 2-3 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327-4200.

★**"The Changing Environment of Northern Michigan: A Century of Science and Nature at the University of Michigan Biological Station": U-M Library.** Talk by the editors and writers of this new essay collection. Q&A and signing. 5:30 p.m., 100 Hatcher Graduate Library (enter from the Diag). Free. 615-7876.

★**"Translating Greek Poetry": U-M Modern Greek Program Pallas Lecture.** Lecture by Columbia University classics professor Karen Van Dyck. 7 p.m., Michigan League Vandenberg Room. Free. 936-6099.

★**U-M Museum Studies Lecture Series.** Feb. 22 & 23. Today: University of Leicester museum studies professor Sandra Dudley on "Experiencing Materiality in Museums: Object, Sense, and Feeling." Feb. 23: Alutiq Museum (Alaska) director Sven Haakanson on "Reversing the Loss of Traditional Knowledge Through Museum Collections." 7:30 p.m. (Feb. 22) & 7 p.m. (Feb. 23), UMMA Helmut Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State. Free. 763-UMMA.

★**Fred Lonberg-Holm & Peter Brotzmann: Kerrytown Concert House.** See review, p. 51. Jazz by this duo of Chicago-based cellist Lonberg-Holm and German reedman Brotzmann. According to a recent review, Lonberg-Holm "weaves and kneads and occasionally scathes with confidence and sincerity." Brotzmann's groundbreaking recordings are a major force in avant jazz, and he's been called "a towering presence, a powerful force, an enfant terrible, and a world-traveling trailblazer." 8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$10-\$25 (students, \$5). Reservations recommended. 769-2999.

23 TUESDAY

★**"The Healing Garden: Experiencing the Restorative Powers of Nature": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens.** Every Tues.-Sun., Feb. 23-Apr. 6. An aromatherapy station, a color and mood interpretation display, and other activities in conjunction with the current exhibit (see Galleries). 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Tues. & Thurs.-Sun.) & 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (Wed.), Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. \$5 (kids ages 5-12, \$2; kids age 4 & under, free; noon-8 p.m. on Wed., free). 647-7600.

★**"Make Way for Spring! School Break Getaway": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens.** Feb. 23-26. Matthaei staffers lead kids activities. Materials provided. Also, a self-guided scavenger hunt (Feb.

20-28, call for hours) to look for fairies, trolls, and other fantastical creatures hidden in the conservatory. Today: "Little Bitta' Spring." A chance to decorate pots and plant them with spring bulbs or indoor plants to take home. Bring your own pot (6 in. wide or deep) if you wish. Feb. 24: "Bathtub Bouquets." A chance to mix herbal bath potions to take home. Feb. 25: "Tropical Topics," a guided tour through the tropical house in the conservatory. Feb. 26: "Fairy and Troll Gardens." A chance to build a fairy garden with fairy and troll homes. 10 a.m.-noon, Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. \$5 (includes conservatory admission). Preregistration requested. 647-7600.

★**"Bento Box Bonanza": Ann Arbor District Library.** All invited to make a Japanese packed meal. Materials provided. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (grades K-3) & 2-3:30 p.m. (grade 4-adult), AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Free. 327-4200.

★**Health Talks: People's Food Co-op.** Feb. 23 & 25. Talks by local health practitioners. Today: family nurse practitioner Gaia Kile on "Natural Approaches to Depression and Related Moods." Also this month: holistic health practitioner Linda Diane Feldt on "Wildcrafting: There IS a Free Lunch!" 7 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. Preregistration required. 994-4589.

★**"Kiss Me Like You Love Me": Common Language Bookstore.** Local writer Wednesday Lee Friday reads from her new horror novel about a serial killer, his best friend, and an angel. Signing. 7 p.m., Shvau's Cabaret and Gallery, 325 Braun Ct. Free. 663-0036.

★**"The Chamber Music of Chopin and Mozart": Michigan Chamber Players.** This ad hoc ensemble of U-M music professors performs Mozart's Piano Trio in E Major and Chopin's Rondo in C Major, Sonata in G Major, and Trio in G Minor. 8 p.m., U-M Music School Britton Recital Hall, 1100 Baits Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

24 WEDNESDAY

★**"Tour the Census Bus": Ann Arbor District Library.** All invited to explore the interactive kiosks and computers in a U.S. Census Bureau bus parked in front of the library to learn about the 2010 census. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3334 Traver at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327-4200.

★**Winter Break Events: Ann Arbor District Library.** Feb. 24-27 (different branch locations). Today: "Triple A Adventure Wildlife Program" (2-2:45 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave.). Kids in grades K-5 invited to visit with live animals from Copper Leaf Crossing in Lodi Township, including an African crow, an Asian python, an Australian kangaroo, and more. "January's Sparrow" (2-3 p.m., Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor-Saline Rd.). Kids in grades K-5 invited to hear Patricia Polacco's story of a family's flight from slavery to safety in Marshall, MI, and to make a take-home craft. "Duct Tape Do-Over" (7-8 p.m., Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy.). All kids in grades 6-12 invited to make a craft project with duct tape. Also: "Book Bingo" (Feb. 25, 2-3 p.m., Pittsfield Branch). All kids in grades K-5 invited to play bingo, with books for prizes. "Cup Stack Attack" (Feb. 26, 2-3 p.m., Pittsfield Branch). Kids in grades K-5 invited to see how fast they can make a stack of cups. "Soaring Stories" (Feb. 27, 2-3 p.m., Pittsfield Branch). Veteran local storyteller Laura Pershin Raynor reads an enchanting story for preschoolers through 5th graders, and then the Ann Arbor Civic Theater brings it to life. Various times, various AADL locations. Free. 327-8301 (downtown library), 327-4200 (branches).

★**"April 5, 1968: On James Brown, Martin Luther King, and the Manly Dimensions of Nonviolent Resistance": U-M College of Literature, Science, & the Arts.** Lecture by U-M Afro American literature & culture professor Michael Awkward. Reception follows. 4:10 p.m., Rackham Amphitheater (4th floor). Free. 998-6251.

★**Gaming Tournaments: Ann Arbor District Library.** Feb. 24-27. Video game tournaments. Today: "Beatlemania: The Beatles Rock Band" for all ages. Also this month: "PL2: Public Library Pokemon League" (Feb. 25). All ages invited to bring a Nintendo DS and a copy of Pokemon Diamond or Pearl to compete for prizes. "Open Play" (Feb. 26, 1-5 p.m.). Kids in grades 6-12 play AADL video games. "Super Smash Brothers Regulation Throwdown" (Feb. 26, 6-8:30 p.m.). All players from 6th graders to adults invited to compete in a tournament playing Super Smash Brothers. Prizes. "Wii Sports Resort Team Tourney" (Feb. 27). All ages invited to compete in a tournament featuring 12 Wii games. 6-8 p.m. (Feb. 24) & 1-5 p.m. (Feb. 25), AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard), and 1-5 p.m. & 6-8:30 p.m. (Feb. 26) & 1-4 p.m. (Feb. 27), AADL

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★**"Fundamentals of Starting a New Business":** Ann Arbor District Library. Talks by Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center representatives. 6-8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

★**"Considering the Figure: Four Points of View":** WCC GalleryOne. Chester (NH) College of New England interdisciplinary studies professor Nancy Diessner discusses her prints in the current exhibit (see Galleries). Preceded at 5 p.m. by an opening reception. 6 p.m., WCC GalleryOne, 108 Student Center Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Free. Preregistration required. 477-8512.

★**Ypsilanti—Ann Arbor Area Robotics Club.** All invited to meet robotics hobbyists and check out and discuss their current gadgets and toys. 7 p.m., A2 Mech Shop, 240 Parkland Plaza, 179 Little Lake Dr. (off eastbound Jackson between Wagner & Zeeb). Free. 332-1000.

★**"Scotch Whisky Intensive":** Eve. Eve scotch expert Ari Sussman leads tastings of several scotches. Appetizers. 7 p.m., Eve, Kerrytown. \$55. Reservations required. 222-0711.

★**"5 Ways to Thrive in These Uncertain Times!"** Talk by Motivation Matrix founder Dane Kirby. Door prizes. 7 p.m., St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Auditorium E104, 5305 McAuley Dr. Free. 395-5825.

★**"Yew Styling Demo":** Ann Arbor Bonsai Society. Michigan bonsai expert Will Heath shows how to style a miniature yew tree. Raffle. Preceded at 7 p.m. by socializing. 7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free. 747-6439.

★**"Building the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum: Politics and Public Perception":** UMMA. Lecture by U-M American culture professor Bruce Conforth. 7:30 p.m., UMMA Helmut Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State. Free. 763-UMMA.

★**Larisa Simington: EMU Music Department.** This Concordia University and EMU piano professor presents "Visions of Russia" (see 18 Thursday Concordia listing). 7:30 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

★**"Gravity":** Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 11 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

★**"Comedy Jamm":** Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 10 Wednesday. 8 p.m.

25 THURSDAY

★**Thomas Boulton: EMU Music Department.** Recital by this renowned trumpeter, an EMU grad who is a member of the New York-based New Amsterdam Brass Ensemble. Program TBA. 3 p.m., Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

★**"Tea with the Fairies":** Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room. Crazy Wisdom staff dress up as magical fairies to sprinkle fairy dust and serve tea, petits fours, and cookies to kids and their families. Also, fairy stories and readings. Bring your own fairy wings and dolls. 1 & 4 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. \$10.50 (babies age 18 months & younger, free). Preregistration required. 665-9468.

★**"Green Energy in Michigan":** Ann Arbor District Library. Panel discussion with DTE Energy expert Larry Kaufman, Michigan Bureau of Energy Systems wind and solar energy research scientist Trista Gregorski, and Clean Energy Coalition executive director Sean Reed. 7-8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

★**"YouTube Laugh Swap":** Ann Arbor District Library. All adults and teens in grades 6 & up invited to pick favorite humorous YouTube videos to be shown on a big screen. 7-8 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327-4200.

★**Racial Justice Book Club: Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice.** All invited to discuss Paul Kivel's *Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice*. Childcare available with advance notice. 7 p.m., St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 1679 Broadway. Free. 663-1870.

★**"Vintage Hollywood Affair":** Neutral Zone Fund-raiser. A gala with food, music by local teens, and a screening of Ann Arbor Film Festival short films. Followed by a dance party. Red carpet attire. 7-11 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets \$25 in advance at neutral-zone.org by Feb. 12; \$30 after Feb. 12. 214-9995, ext. 231.

★**Adam Unsworth: U-M School of Music.** This U-M horn professor is joined by violinist Yehonatan Berick and pianists John Ellis and Anna-Maria Otamendi Sanchez in works by David Sampson, David Ballou, Kirk Norrick, and Gyorgy Ligeti. 8 p.m., U-M School Music Britton Recital Hall, 1100 Baitz Dr. (off Broadway), North Campus. Free. 764-0594.

★**University Symphony Orchestra: U-M School of Music.** U-M music students conduct this music student orchestra in student compositions. Preceded at 7:15 p.m. by a lecture on the program. 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Free. 764-0594.

★**"Cheaper by the Dozen":** Dynamic Stage Productions. Feb. 25-28. This area theater company presents Christopher Sergel's endearing comedy based on the real-life exploits of the enormous family of crackpot-genius efficiency expert Frank Gilbreth. 8 p.m., Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Tickets \$12 in advance and at the door. dynamicstageproductions.com

★**"It Came from Mars":** Performance Network Professional Season. See 18 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"Gravity":** Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 11 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Dennis Blair: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. Feb. 25-27. A long-time opening act for George Carlin, this veteran stand-up comic mixes topical observations with musical parodies. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served; all Fri. & Sat. early shows are nonsmoking. 8 p.m., 314 E. Liberty (below Seva restaurant). \$7 (Thurs.) & \$10 (Fri. & Sat.) reserved seating in advance, \$9 (Thurs.) & \$12 (Fri. & Sat.) general admission at the door. 996-9080.

26 FRIDAY

★**Wolverine Classic: GymAmerica.** Feb. 26-28. Gymnasts from throughout the Midwest compete in this invitational for junior Olympic levels 4-10. Complete schedule available at gymamericagymnastics.com. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saline High School gymnasium, 7190 N. Maple, Saline. \$10 (students & seniors, \$6; kids age 5 & under, free) at the door only. 971-1667.

★**"Rock Climbing 101":** Ann Arbor District Library. All kids in grades 6-12 (with signed parental waiver) invited to try indoor rock climbing. Noon-3:30 p.m., Planet Rock, 824 April Dr. (off eastbound Jackson Rd. between Parkland Pl. and Jackson Pl.). Free. 327-4200.

★**"In Our Community":** Cranbrook Whole Foods Market. Feb. 26 & 27. Talks by representatives of local nonprofit organizations. Today: "Zero Waste 101" with a Recycle Ann Arbor representative. Feb. 27: A Preserving Traditions representative demonstrates "How to Make Granola." 6 p.m. (Feb. 26) & 11 a.m. (Feb. 27), Whole Foods, 990 W. Eisenhower Pkwy. Free (Feb. 26) & \$5 (Feb. 27) includes a \$5 Whole Foods gift card. Reservations required. 997-7500.

★**"Black Magic Sanction":** Waters Place Borders. Michigan-born best-selling novelist Kim Harrison reads from the 8th novel in her Hollows series about Rachel Morgan, a sexy witch who hunts vampires, werewolves, banshees, and demons. This time, Rachel's hunted by her own kind. Signing. 7 p.m., Borders, 3140 Lohr Rd. Free. 997-8884.

★**Lindsay Kesselman: EMU Music Department.** This local soprano, an EMU adjunct voice professor, performs Schubert's "Der Hirt auf dem Felsen," Shulamit Ran's "Apprehensions," and Debussy's "Ariettes Oubliées." Piano accompanist is Christopher Rees. 7 p.m., EMU Alexander Recital Hall, Lowell at E. Circle Dr., Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

★**"Chocolate Lounge/Improv Show":** Greenhills School. Jazz music and improv comedy by the Greenhills jazz band and improv club. Chocolate drinks and treats available. Proceeds benefit student events and activities. 7-9 p.m., Greenhills School, 850 Greenhills Dr. \$5 in advance; \$7 at the door (includes a drink and a treat). 769-4010.

★**Organ Recital: First United Methodist Church.** Church organist Naki Kripfgans performs the Allegretto from Mendelssohn's Sonata no. 4, Barber's Adagio for Strings, Jehan Alain's Litanies, Maurice Durufle's Prelude and Fugue on the Name of Alain, William Bolcom's Jesus Loves Me, and Bach's Passacaglia in C Major and Toccata and Fugue in D Major. 7:30 p.m., FUMC, 120 S. State. Donation. 662-4536.

★**"Dawn Dance Weekend":** Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. Feb. 26-28. A weekend of folk dancing to live music, with around 400 people expected to dance or just listen to the many fine musicians. Adina Gordon calls contras and Helen Cornelius calls English dances to music by the Groovemongers and Bare Necessities. Also, additional daily events. Tonight: other callers and bands TBA. Wear clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing (no dancing in street shoes allowed). 8 p.m.-midnight, Clague Middle School, 2616 Nixon Rd. just east of Bluett. \$20 (Feb. 26), \$18 (Feb. 27 after-noon), \$20 (Feb. 27 evening), & \$16 (Feb. 28) at the door. Weekend pass \$60 (AACTMAD members, \$55; \$15 discount for those age 25 & under) in advance only by Feb. 12. 255-2713.

★**Live Talk Show: Dreamland Theater.** Ypsilanti blogger Mark Maynard interviews local celebrities

and national celebrities (represented with puppets). Also, live music by local bands, comic sketches, videos of local news, and more. 8 p.m., Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington, Ypsilanti. \$7. 657-2337.

★**"It Came from Mars":** Performance Network Professional Season. See 18 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"Cheaper by the Dozen":** Dynamic Stage Productions. See 25 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"Gravity":** Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 11 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Dennis Blair: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 25 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

27 SATURDAY

★**"Maple Sugaring: A Journey to the Sugar Bush":** Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. Every Sat. & Sun., Feb. 27-Mar. 27. Naturalist Jennifer Hollenbeck discusses the history of maple sugaring and leads a hike to a stand of maple trees to see how they are tapped, followed by a trip to an evaporator to learn how sap is turned into syrup. Also, a pancake and sausage breakfast (\$5; kids, \$3.50), 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 10 & 11 a.m. and noon, Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd., Dexter. \$2. Preregistration required. \$4 vehicle entrance fee. 426-8211.

★**"Dawn Dance Weekend":** Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. See 26 Friday. Today: other callers and bands TBA. Noon-4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.-midnight.

★**"Wildlife Safari":** Waterloo Natural History Association. Nelson's Wildlife Safari (Canton) owner Nelson Pearson presents a hands-on introduction to some unusual animals from around the world. 2 p.m. unless otherwise noted above, Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Rd. (west from Pierce Rd. off I-94 exit 157), Chelsea. \$2 (family, \$5). \$6 vehicle entry fee. 475-3170.

★**"Warhammer Painting Competition":** Get Your Game On. All invited to show off their troops from this tactical miniatures board game. The winner receives a store discount. 5 p.m., Get Your Game On, 709 Packard. Free. 786-3746.

★**Annual Ham Dinner: Dixboro United Methodist Church Fundraiser.** Juicy slabs of ham, side dishes, and beverages served buffet style. Takeout available. 5-7 p.m., DUMC, 5221 Church Rd. (off N. Dixboro Rd. just north of Plymouth Rd.). \$8 (kids ages 5-10, \$5; kids age 4 & younger, \$1). Reservations requested. 665-5632.

★**Annual Fund-Raising Banquet: Washtenaw County Pheasants Forever.** Buffet dinner, raffles, and an auction. 5:30 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Tickets \$60 (spouses, \$30; kids, \$25). Reservations required. 662-2522.

★**Blake Nelson, Kevin Sampsel, and Chelsea Martin: Great Lakes, Great Times Reading Series.** Readings by these Portland (OR) writers. Nelson reads from *Destroy All Cars*, his new young adult novel about an anti-consumerist idealist who can't avoid his ex-girlfriend or buying things. Sampsel reads from *A Common Pornography*, his memoir about growing up in the Pacific Northwest in the 70s and 80s. Martin reads from *Everything Was Fine Until Whatever*, her debut short story collection that includes handwritten notes, artwork, lists, and endearingly honest stories. 7 p.m., 826michigan (enter at Liberty Street Robot Supply & Repair), 115 E. Liberty. Free. (810) 210-0104.

★**"Black and White Masquerade Purim Party":** Temple Beth Emeth. All age 21 and over invited for dancing to a DJ, Texas Hold 'Em, and a costume contest to celebrate Purim. Cash bar and desserts. Come in costume or in all black and white. 8 p.m., TBE, 2309 Packard. Tickets \$20 in advance at templebethemeth.org, and at the door. 665-4744.

★**Fugimundi: Kerrytown Concert House.** Acoustic jazz chamber music by this European trio led by Eric Vloeimans, an acclaimed Dutch trumpeter regarded as one of Europe's most extraordinary musicians. "Coupled with his beautiful sonority and controlled musical dynamics, his open and crystal-clear phrasings are comparable to the likes of Wynton Marsalis," says the Flemish critic Luc Baets. 8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. \$10-\$25 (students, \$5). Reservations recommended. 769-2999.

★**Richard Hovey: Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth Cafe 704 Coffeehouse.** Veteran Detroit folk-style singer-songwriter. 8-10 p.m., Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, 704 Airport Blvd. Donation. 327-0270.

★**Heather Schwartz.** This talented local singer presents an elegant evening of vintage music associated with the great female jazz and blues vocalists. She is accompanied by pianist Rick Roe, bassist Josef Deas, drummer Rob Avsharian, and other musicians TBA. 8 p.m., Vitosha Haus, 1917 Washtenaw. \$12 in

advance be email to aneveningwithheather@gmail.com and at the door. 741-4969.

★**"Gravity":** Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 11 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

★**"It Came from Mars":** Performance Network Professional Season. See 18 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

★**"Cheaper by the Dozen":** Dynamic Stage Productions. See 25 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Dennis Blair: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 25 Thursday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

28 SUNDAY

★**Salamander Survey Kickoff/Frog and Toad Survey Kickoff:** Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation. A chance to learn about the city's upcoming annual survey of the salamander (10 a.m.) and frog & toad (1:30 p.m.) populations in town. There are also training sessions (preregistration required) for volunteers to help with the survey. 10 a.m.-noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. Free. 794-6627.

★**Purim Party: Jewish Cultural Society.** Family-oriented program of arts & craft activities, games, singing, dancing, and a Purim play. Treats include pizza and hamantaschen. Children encouraged to come in costume for a parade. All invited. 10 a.m.-noon, Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free admission; nominal cost for food and games. 975-9872.

★**"Dawn Dance Weekend":** Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. See 26 Friday. Today: other callers and bands TBA. 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

★**"Whole Trade Vegan Cooking":** Washtenaw Whole Foods Market. A Whole Foods staffer gives cooking demos using vegan chocolate. Tastings. Partial proceeds benefit the Whole Planet Foundation. 1-3 p.m., Whole Foods Cooking & Lifestyles Classroom, 3135 Washtenaw. \$10. Preregistration required. 975-4500.

★**"The Silver Age of American Jewish Music Is Happening Now! And You're Missing It!":** Ann Arbor District Library. Talk, with music samples, by local research scientist Jack Zientz, who blogs about contemporary Jewish music at teruah-jewishmusic.blogspot.com. 1-2:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

★**"Sourcing: Now How Do I Do That?":** Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County. Talk by veteran professional genealogist Diane Oslund. Also, club members Bobbie Snow and Martha Churchill present a panel discussion on "Court Records." 1:30 p.m., St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center auditorium, 5305 Elliott Dr. (off McAuley Dr. from E. Huron River Dr.). Use parking lot P and look for the club's signs. Free. 483-2799.

★**Ann Arbor Storytellers Guild.** All invited to listen to guild members swap stories or bring their own to tell. 2-4 p.m., Nicola's Books, Westgate shopping center. Free. 971-5763.

★**"Gravity":** Purple Rose Theatre Company. See 11 Thursday. 2 p.m.

★**"Cheaper by the Dozen":** Dynamic Stage Productions. See 25 Thursday. 2 p.m.

★**"It Came from Mars":** Performance Network Professional Season. See 18 Thursday. 2 p.m.

★**Dexter Community Band.** Bill Gourley directs this 85-member volunteer ensemble in band arrangements of Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm," music from Lehar's *The Merry Widow*, and Joseph Hellmesberger's *Danse Diabolique*, along with Grainger's *Lincolnshire Posy*. Ann Arbor native John W. Stout's *Jamaican Folk Song Fantasy*, local photographer Howard Bond's "Band Day March," and, as always, a Sousa march. 3 p.m., Dexter Center for the Performing Arts, Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker, Dexter. Free. 426-2734.

★**Children's Puppet Shows: Dreamland Theater.** See 7 Sunday. 3:30 p.m.

★**Society of Women Engineers Book Club.** All invited to join a discussion of *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows' epistolary novel set in 1946 about the inhabitants of a small Guernsey town who had started a club as an alibi for breaking curfew when under Nazi occupation. 4 p.m., Borders cafe, 612 E. Liberty. Free. 668-7652.

★**"Contemporary Music & Negro Spirituals":** Ann Arbor District Library. U-M music professor emeritus Willis Patterson conducts the *Our Own Thing Choral* in a program of spirituals and works by contemporary African American composers. 4-5 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327-4555.

★**"Music for Contemplation":** St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. See 21 Sunday. Today: a performance by the Ann Arbor Grail Singers. 7:30 p.m., St. Andrew's, 306 N. Division. Free. 662-4466.

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rock 'n' roll

by John Hinchey

Listings are based on information available at press time. It's advisable to call ahead. Unless otherwise noted, live music runs from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Ark

316 S. Main

761-1451

Michigan's leading showcase for American and international performers of all forms of traditional music. Shows almost every night at 8 p.m., Mon.-Sat., & 7:30 p.m., Sun. Unless otherwise noted, tickets are sold in advance at Herb David Guitar Studio and the Michigan Union Ticket Office & all other Ticketmaster outlets, and at the door. **Feb. 3: Matt Hires.** Young Florida pop-rock singer-songwriter known for his warm, expressive voice and emotionally complex songs. \$10. **Feb. 4: Malinky.** Widely heralded young Scottish folk ensemble whose repertoire ranges from classic ballads to originals and folk-style songs by other contemporary songwriters. \$15. **Feb. 5: The RFD Boys.** Authentic bluegrass by these longtime local favorites who have appeared in numerous festivals and on the cover of *Bluegrass Unlimited* magazine. Their shows blend top-notch musicianship with funny between-songs dialogue. They have several recordings, including *Live and Unrehearsed*, a 1994 Ark performance. \$11 at the door only. **Feb. 6: Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys.** The 82-year-old Stanley is an ace clawhammer-style banjoist who also possesses one of the most stirring, starkly authoritative voices in all of country music, a sweetly lonesome, mournfully soulful tenor that's the perfect instrument for his repertoire of Appalachian folk ballads, blues, and gospel tunes—some of which he composed himself or in collaboration with his late brother, Carter Stanley. A longtime icon among folk and country musicians, Stanley gained the attention of mainstream audiences with his appearance on the Grammy-winning *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* sound track. His 2006 CD *A Distant Land to Roam* is an acclaimed collection of 13 Carter Family gems. \$35. **Feb. 7: Back Forty.** Local acoustic string jam quintet that plays a brand of twangy roots-folk music fused with elements of jazz and psychedelic rock that it calls "down-home funkgrass." \$15. **Feb. 8: Copper Box.** Oshkosh (WI) quartet led by the husband-and-wife duo of singer-accordionist Danny Jerabek and singer-multi-instrumentalist Michelle Jerabek that plays an accordion-heavy mix of polka, roots rock, blues, Tex-Mex, and zydeco. \$12. **Feb. 9 & 10: Jackie Greene.** Acclaimed young Sacramento singer-songwriter with a distinctive poetic touch whose facility with folk, blues, and honky-tonk idioms and attitudes has provoked comparisons to Dylan and Tom Waits. He accompanies himself on acoustic and electric guitar and on keyboards, including a Hammond B-3 organ. Opening act is **Sam & Ruby**, the Nashville-based soul-inflected pop-folk singer-songwriter duo of guitarist Sam Brooker and vocalist Ruby Amanfu. \$20. **Feb. 11: Kitty Donohoe.** Irish American roots-music singer-songwriter from Detroit who specializes in story songs. In its review of her latest CD *Northern Border, Sing Out!* calls her "one of the rare singer-songwriters to sensuously weave words and melody into a strong and mesmerizing fabric." \$15. **Feb. 12: Girlyman.** Atlanta acoustic singer-songwriter trio known for its politically progressive point of view, quirky stage banter, and inventive 3-part harmonies in a variety of styles from country-rock to contemporary folk to doo-wop. \$17.50. **Feb. 13: Jill Jack Band.** Folk-rock band led by this sultry-voiced Detroit singer-songwriter whose music also draws freely on jazz and country flavors. Her 2005 CD *Moon and the Morning After* won a Detroit Music Award for Outstanding Folk Recording. \$15. **Feb. 14: My Folky Valentine.** In-the-round performances by Annie and Rod Capps and other veteran area husband-and-wife singer-songwriter duos TBA. \$15. **Feb. 17: John Hammond.** Long recognized as one of the best interpreters of country blues masters like Robert Johnson and Sleepy John Estes, Hammond extended his range to include one of their principal contemporary heirs on his 2001 CD *Wicked Grin*, a collection of covers of the post-Beat neo-country blues of Tom Waits. His 2007 CD *Push Comes to Shove* is a mix of originals and traditional blues that also includes a hip-hop-tinged blues collaboration with G Love, who produced the album.

Steve Nardella

You won't be mistreated

Well into his third set at Guy Hollerin's, Steve Nardella asked for a request from the still sizable audience, and someone yelled "Chuck Berry!" It was all Nardella needed to break into the familiar opening riff of "Oh Carol," and within seconds the dance floor was jumpin'. By this point in the show, I was too worn out to dance, but Nardella, at sixty-one, showed no signs of slowing down. Sweaty and breathing hard, maybe, but too old to rock? Never.

"When I get on stage, age doesn't affect me," he told me later in a phone call. "I don't even think about it." And age has its advantages, like the lifetime of songs Nardella has learned. His online bio describes him as a "walking encyclopedia of American roots music," and just one set will confirm that. Whether it's a tune from Hank Williams or Muddy Waters or Bill Monroe or Elvis, Nardella can pluck it from his memory and onto his guitar.

He's been playing '50s rock, R&B, and blues guitar and harmonica in Ann Arbor since he came here from the East Coast in 1970. (He started performing in his teens, after watching Muddy Waters and his band at the Café au Go Go in Greenwich Village.) Nardella bought his trademark 1956 Gibson decades ago from jazz guitarist Joe Summers, who still lives and plays guitar in Ypsilanti. "If you wanted a nice guitar, he was the guy to see," Nardella remembers. "I told him I wanted a big fat Gibson."

For years, Nardella played with George Bedard in various bands, and they still perform together occasionally. He recorded several albums with other local greats, including



J. ADRIAN WYLLIE

Mr. B, and backed blues artists who came to town. He still plays with Kim Wilson of the Fabulous Thunderbirds.

When I saw him, he'd brought along Eric Schabo on sax, Rudy Varner on upright bass, and Loney Charles on drums, and the combo was tight. While Nardella was the veteran, they were all musicians at the top of their game, capable of bringing the house down with a slapping bass line or smokin' sax solo. And when the song reached its peak with everyone playing at once, hollering was in order.

Most arrangements were fast-paced and irresistible to dancers, with just enough soulful blues thrown in to catch your breath. But Nardella does have a tendency to filter songs, from "Kansas City" to "Sea of Love," through the same R&B interpretation. While the numbers are familiar from different genres, they

become rather mashed into one similar—albeit engaging and high-energy—style.

Nardella tells me he is always adding more songs to his repertoire, and his original songwriting is "just throwing together old blues phrases...the blues is basically my thing now. It seems more real to me." In performance, the pure blues numbers seem to come more from his heart than his encyclopedic memory.

Nardella still plays a few times a month, sometimes at clubs, sometimes at private parties. Occasionally an opportunity to tour comes up. "I need to play music," he says. "It's the only thing I know how to do, all I've ever done, all I've ever wanted to do." Steve Nardella is back at Guy Hollerin's on Saturday, February 6.

—Stephanie Kadel-Taras

Hammond accompanies himself on blues harp and various guitars. "John Hammond plays blues like a locomotive," says *Washington Post* reviewer Eve Zibart, "all rhythmic pumping underneath and steam on top." \$22.50. **Feb. 18: Marc Cohn.** Rare performance by this reclusive singer-songwriter known for his resonant baritone and his introspective lyrics, who won a Best New Artist Grammy in 1991 for "Walking in Memphis." His 2007 CD *Join the Parade* is a collection of soulfully reflective songs that intertwine Cohn's responses to a pair of disasters, Hurricane Katrina and an earlier 2005 incident in Denver when he was shot in the head by a carjacker. \$45. **Feb. 19: Terri Clark.** An 8-time Canadian Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year nominee, this veteran songstress from Medicine Hat, Alberta, is known both for sassy, often funny originals like her #1 hit "Girls Lie Too" and choice covers like her hit recording of Warren Zevon's sardonic "Poor Poor Pitiful Me." \$30. **Feb. 21: Blackthorn.** This veteran Royal Oak quartet plays a wide range of Celtic music, from contemporary Irish songs and traditional songs of emigration to sea shanties, lively jigs and reels, and haunting ancient airs. A fundraiser for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. \$20-\$50. **Feb. 22: Buckwheat Zydeco.** Buckwheat Zydeco is the stage name of Stanley Dural, a celebrated zydeco accordionist who, legend has it, took up the instrument in response to a challenge from zydeco king Clifton Chenier, in whose band Dural was playing keyboards. Dural's brand of this joyous Creole music with the distinctive zigzag beat has a very strong blues bias, with a large dose of New Orleans R&B. \$20. **Feb. 23: Danielle Ate the Sandwich and Theo Katzman.** Double bill. Danielle Ate the Sandwich is the stage name of Danielle Anderson, a Fort Collins (CO) singer-songwriter known for her penetrating alto

voice and slightly off-kilter lyrics. She first gained attention for her homemade YouTube video of her ukulele-powered performance of her song "Conversations with Dead People." Katzman is a local singer-songwriter best known as the guitarist in My Dear Disco. **Feb. 24: Seth Walker.** Blues-based down-home Americana by this Austin-based singer-songwriter. \$15. **Feb. 25: Guggenheim Grotto.** Acclaimed Dublin pop-folk trio known for its soaring melodies and gorgeous vocal harmonies. "With debts to both Radiohead and the Beatles, this is modern, intelligent, lyrically potent pop," says a *Boston Herald* reviewer. "Nearly the only thing overtly Irish about the Grotto is its love affair with words." \$13.50. **Feb. 26: "Breakfast 2010."** A benefit for the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church breakfast program for the homeless. Performers: **Bonnie Rideout**, a U-M music school grad, is known as "the piping fiddler" for her theme-and-variation compositions in the style of Scottish pipes. "She transforms a lonely melody into utter desolation, then effortlessly switches gears from languorous ballad to virtuosic exercise," says a *Washington Post* reviewer. Virginia-born, London-based **Duck Baker** is a renowned finger-style jazz guitarist whose repertoire spans the history of the music from ragtime through swing and modern masters like Thelonious Monk to free improvisation. **Robert Jones**, the host of WDET's *Blues from the Lowlands* and an ordained Baptist minister, is an excellent singer and guitarist, with a huge repertoire that draws on Delta, Texas, Chicago, and other blues traditions. **Bill Bynum & Co.** is a quartet led by Bynum, a Downriver singer-songwriter and guitarist whose bluegrass-based songs also draw on old-time, early country, gospel, and contemporary folk music. His band includes fiddler Mary Seelhorst, dobro player Dave Keeney, and bassist Chuck Anderson. \$30. 7 p.m.

Feb. 27: Mustard's Retreat. Longtime local favorites Michael Hough and David Tamulevich perform a wide variety of original and traditional songs and ballads about everyday life. According to songwriter Garnet Rogers, Mustard's Retreat "represents everything that is best about folk music. Their songs have entered the lexicon of anonymous folk songs." Both Hough and Tamulevich are accomplished guitarists, and they also play banjo, mandolin, flute, autoharp, harmonica, and tin whistle. \$15. **Feb. 28: Eclectica.** The all-star trio of electric violin virtuoso Tracy Silverman, Nashville bass legend Steve Forrest, and drummer Roy "Futureman" Wooten (best known as the bassist in Bela Fleck's Flecktones) plays a brand of avant-garde groove music that mixes jazz, rock, funk, classical, and world music idioms. \$17.50.

The B-Side

310 E. Washington

214-9995

This all-ages venue in the Neutral Zone teen center features a mix of touring, local, and teen bands, usually Sat., 7-11 p.m. Cover, dancing. **Feb. 6: Overcast Skies.** Local jazz-rock band. Opening acts are **The PR Catastrophe**, a local one-man rock band, and **Kro-Magnon**, an experimental metal band from Canton. Also **DJ Vudu**. **Feb. 13: Heroes on Parade.** Local teen pop-punk band. Opening acts are **The Prog Rock Band** and **Living Like Ghosts**, a Detroit pop-punk quintet.

The Black Pearl

302 S. Main

222-0400

This seafood and martini bar features live music Wed., 7-10 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Feb. 3: Jody Raffoul.** Canadian pop-rock singer-songwriter who's been described as a hybrid of Bono and Bruce

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Springsteen. He is joined by backup vocalist and guitarist **Wes Buckley**. **Feb. 10: Laith Al-Saadi**. See Elbow Room. **Feb. 17: Beth Stalker & Jim Rawlings**. An eclectic mix of styles, from blues, R&B, and jazz to rock and country, by the Detroit Music Award-winning duo of singer-songwriter Stalker and songwriter-guitarist Rawlings. **Feb. 24: Laith Al-Saadi**. See Elbow Room.

The Blind Pig

208 S. First St. 996-8555

This local music club features live music 5 nights a week, with a varied assortment of local and out-of-town rock 'n' roll, blues, reggae, and dance bands, 10:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted). Also, occasional early shows, usually 7-10 p.m. Karaoke on Mon.; closed most Sun. If there's an opening act, the headliner usually goes on stage between 11:30 p.m. and midnight. Cover (except "Showcase Night"), dancing. If advance tickets are sold, they are available at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all other Ticketmaster outlets. **Every Tues** (except Feb. 2 & 23): **"Showcase Night."** With 4 different young local bands each week. **Feb. 2: A.A. Bondy**. Raw, gritty indie folk-pop by this Birmingham (AL) singer-songwriter, the former frontman of Verbena. "Over mostly spare backdrops adorned with acoustic guitar picking and mournful piano plinking, Bondy ruminates on loves lost, stolen, and forgotten," says *Spin* writer David Peisner in his review of Bondy's new CD *When the Devil's Loose*. "The pace and tenor occasionally resemble the Bata-an Death March, but Bondy's gorgeous melodies, vivid imagery, and haunting voice keep you pressing on." Opening act is **Willy Mason**, an acclaimed young blues and country-folk singer-songwriter from Martha's Vineyard. Advance tickets: \$10. **Feb. 3: Promise of a Few**. Ypsilanti indie rock band. Opening acts are **Sins of Our Fathers**, a Detroit metal-hardcore band. **Feb. 4: Kadence MC**. Ypsilanti progressive hip-hop MC. Opening acts are **Bedroxx**, a local hip-hop MC, and **Mogi Grumbles**, a local electro-house DJ. **Feb. 5: Ann Arbor Soul Club**. Classic soul music by the local DJ duo of Brad Hales and Robert Wells. **Feb. 6: "Bob Marley Birthday Bash."** Headliner is **Universal Xpression**, a veteran Detroit-based band that plays reggae, soca, and calypso. Opening acts are 2 Detroit reggae-inflected hip-hop MCs: **King Jazzy** and **Negus Arubis**. \$25 cover. **Feb. 7: Amino Acids**. Detroit punk-surf garage band. Opening acts are **Suicide by Cop**, a local punk band, and **Err...**, an Ypsilanti noise-rock duo. **Feb. 10: Puns**. Ypsilanti hard-rock band. Opening acts are local hip-hop MC **Bedroxx** and local electro-house DJ **Mogi Grumbles**. **Feb. 11: Lawn Care**. Local rock 'n' roll garage quartet formerly known as the Butt Boys. Opening acts are **Fred Thomas**, a versatile local indie singer-songwriter, and **October Babies**, a self-styled "upbeat global soul" electronica-jazz quartet, led by the Ypsilanti husband-and-wife duo of Toko Shiki-Santos and Erik Santos, whose songs are sung mostly in Japanese. **Feb. 12: Dead Again**. Grateful Dead cover band from Detroit. **Feb. 13: The Bang!** Dance party with this local DJ collective that plays garage and 70s rock. **Feb. 17: Nightwatcher**. Local rock 'n' roll quartet. Opening act is **Voodoo Lighthouse**, a local pop-ska jam band. **Feb. 18: Zach Deputy**. Guitar-and-percussion jam-rock duo from South Carolina. Opening act is **Christian Rock**, an electronic jam dance band led by My Dear Disco bassist Christian Carpenter. **Feb. 19: Tortoise**. Influential Chicago band that plays experimental, jazz-flavored ambient instrumentals. Opening act is **Disappears**, a Chicago rock band. Advance tickets: \$18. **Feb. 20: TBA**. **Feb. 23: Wiz Khalifa**. Acclaimed young Pittsburgh hip-hop MC known for his memorable lyrics and his ability to alternate seamlessly between rapping and singing. Opening acts **TBA**. His new CD *Deal or No Deal* reached #1 on the iTunes hip-hop chart. Advance tickets: \$15 (\$18 at the door). **Feb. 24: One Be Lo**. Local hip-hop MC, also known as One Man Army. Opening acts are **Yin** and other local hip-hop MCs **TBA**. **Feb. 25: Fun**. All ages admitted. New York City pop-rock trio with an acclaimed debut CD, *Aim and Ignite*. Opening acts are **Cheap Girls**, a Lansing powerpop trio, and another band **TBA**. Advance tickets: \$13 (\$15 at the door). **Feb. 26: TBA**. **Feb. 27: Nickle P**. Soul-inflected hip-hop by Milford-bred singer and rapper Nicole Price. Opening acts are **Tickled Fancy Burlesque Co.**, a popular local postpunk burlesque troupe, and **Jamie Register & the Glendales**, a Motownesque soul music band led by local singer-bassist Register.



Veteran Canadian country singer Terri Clark is at the Ark Feb. 19.

Café Habana

211 E. Washington 332-6046

The cellar bar of this downtown restaurant features salsa DJs, Thurs., 9 p.m.-2 a.m. & Sun., 8 p.m.-midnight. No cover, dancing.

The Circus

210 S. First St. 913-8890

This 2nd-floor downtown club features live music on Wed. & occasional Thurs., 10 p.m.-2 a.m., and live music or DJs on Fri. & Sat., 10 p.m.-2 a.m. in the street-level **Millennium Club** or basement **Cavern Club**. Karaoke, Thurs.-Sat., 10 p.m.-2 a.m. No cover, no dancing (unless otherwise noted). Age 21 & older admitted. **Feb. 3: Luke Winslow-King Trio**. Americana trio led by Winslow-King, a New Orleans-bred singer-songwriter and guitarist who currently lives in Cadillac. His latest CD, *Old/New Baby* (Fox on a Hill) was named a Top 10 Album of 2009 in the *American Songwriter* magazine editors poll, and *OffBeat* magazine says it "captures the allure of a speakeasy, the swagger of old Dixie, and the simple good-time charm of Western swing." **Feb. 10: Catfish Mafia**. Detroit bluegrass quintet. **Feb. 13: Killer Flamigos**. Rock 'n' roll covers and originals by this popular, veteran band from Dearborn. Cover, dancing. In the Millennium Club. **Feb. 17: Wayward Roots**. Local acoustic roots music string band. **Feb. 20: Killer Flamigos**. See above. In the Millennium Club. **Feb. 24: Red Sea Pedestrians**. Kalamazoo neo-klezmer sextet of singer-songwriters and multi-instrumentalists who blend traditional klezmer music with a host of other styles. **Feb. 27: Killer Flamigos**. See above. In the Millennium Club.

Common Cup

1511 Washtenaw 327-6914

This coffeehouse run by the University Lutheran Chapel features live music and other entertainment Fri., 8-9 p.m. No cover, no dancing. February schedule **TBA**.

Conor O'Neill's

318 S. Main 665-2968

Downtown Irish pub with live music Sun. 7:30-10 p.m. and Thurs. & Sat. 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., and a DJ on Fri. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Karaoke on Sun., 10 p.m.-2 a.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Sun.: Traditional Irish Session**. All invited to join or listen to an instrumental jam session. Followed at 10 p.m. by karaoke. **Feb. 4: George Martha Band**. Detroit trio that plays traditional Celtic music with a Middle Eastern accent. **Feb. 6: Josh-**

ua & Jeremy Sprague. An eclectic mix of rock covers by veteran local singer-songwriter Jerry Sprague's 2 sons. **Feb. 11: The Terraplanes**. Local band led by singer-guitarist Jerry Mack that plays a mix of house-rocking blues, uptown swing, soulful R&B, and roots rock. **Feb. 13: Michael May & the Messarounds**. Jazz-inflected blues and blues-rock by this veteran local quartet led by vocalist and blues harpist May. **Feb. 18: Toppermost**. Local blues-rock quartet. **Feb. 20: Lucas Paul Band**. See Melange. **Feb. 25: Mossy Moran**. Traditional singer from Ireland. **Feb. 27: K.T.'s Alibi**. Redford pop-rock quartet led by vocalist Katie Jimmerson.

Crazy Wisdom Tea Room

114 S. Main 665-9468

Tea room above Crazy Wisdom Bookstore features live music occasional Fri. & Sat., 8:30-10:30 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Feb. 5: Diana Kimball & Friends**. Classic pop-folk and traditional Celtic ballads by Kimball, a local singer-guitarist who accompanies herself on kantele (a Finnish zither) and dulcimer. She is joined by a guitar duo in the 2nd set to perform traditional folk, blues, and Hawaiian songs. **Feb. 6: The White Ravens**. Indie rock trio led by local siblings Amy and Will Bennett. They recently released the CD *Gargoyles and Weather Vanes*. **Feb. 12: Elizabeth Royce**. Rock, folk, blues, and country classics by this local torch singer, a member of the popular Cowgirl Cabaret. She is joined by local country singer-songwriter **Mike Boyd** and other guests **TBA**. **Feb. 13: John Churchillville**. This local tabla player presents an evening of Indian classical, light classical, fusion, and folk music. **Feb. 19: Steve Kovich**. Detroit singer-songwriter. **Feb. 20: Red Tail Ring**. Appalachian folk and old-time music with haunting vocal harmonies by the local duo of singer-songwriters Michael Beauchamp and Laurel Premo. **Feb. 26: Blue Lines**. Original blues, jazz, and ballads by the veteran duo of singer-guitarist Ira McDonald and blues harpist Fred Crandal III. **Feb. 27: Mark Duval**. Indie Americana singer-songwriter from Kalamazoo whose repertoire includes covers by everyone from Gillian Welch and Iron & Wine to various Michigan songwriters. He is accompanied by singer-guitarist **Traci Seuss**.

Creekside Grill and Bar

5827 Jackson Rd. 827-2737

The intimate basement bar in this restaurant in Scio Township features occasional live music. Cover, dancing. **Feb. 28: II-V-I Orchestra**. Veteran local big band, led by saxophonist David Swain, that plays late-1930s swing and 1940s R&B. 6:30-9 p.m.

Dreamland Theater

26 N. Washington Ypsilanti 657-2337

This downtown Ypsilanti theater features occasional live music, 9-11 p.m. or later. Cover (usually a donation), no dancing. February music schedule **TBA**.

Elbow Room

6 S. Washington Ypsilanti 483-6374

This Ypsilanti tavern features live music and/or DJs Mon.-Thurs., 9 p.m.-1 a.m., and Fri. & Sat., 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Also, occasional Sun., 8 p.m.-midnight. No cover (\$5 suggested donation), dancing. **Every Sun.: Todd Osborne**. Detroit-area electronic musician. **Every Mon.** (except Feb. 15): **Laith Al-Saadi**. Soulful acoustic rock and blues covers and originals by this local singer-guitarist. **Every Thurs.: "Mofo Karaoke."** With "the standard karaoke playlist crap plus 2,500+ obscure and awesome songs." **Feb. 2: "Tiki Tuesday."** The Elbow Room Tiki Tuesday band plays surf music and various exotica. Also, performances by the belly dancer **Aurora** and magician **Scarboni**. **Feb. 3: The Jet Rodriguez**. Pop-folk acoustic duo from New Baltimore. Tonight they celebrate the release of

their new CD, *Seven Hour Night Shift*. Opening act is **Matt Jones**, a local pop-folk singer-songwriter. **Feb. 5: Lightning Love**. Local keyboard-driven minimalist pop trio. Opening acts are **The Juliets**, a local postpunk pop-rock quintet that features violin and cello, and **The Daredevil Christopher Wright**, an acclaimed Eau Claire (WI) pop-rock band. **Feb. 6: The Bears of Blue River**. Chicago sextet that plays soul-flavored pop-folk. Opening acts **TBA**. **Feb. 9: "No More Bunk Parties."** DJs Scarboni and VJCC spin soul, funk, and rock 'n' roll records. **Feb. 10: Nathan K**. Local indie pop-folk singer-songwriter. Opening acts **TBA**. **Feb. 12: Mahoney**. Local minimalist acoustic garage rock duo. Opening act is **Blue Snaggletooth**, a local rock band that includes members of Mazinga and other area bands. **Feb. 13: "4th Annual Bloody Valentine Party."** With **Devil Elvis**, an Ypsilanti rockabilly singer-songwriter, and 2 DJs, **DJ Scarboni** and **DJ Humanfly**. **Feb. 15: "The Love Hangover."** Love song covers and originals by area musicians, including **Tyler Brubaker**, **Nicole Burgess**, **Chrissy & Brian Deiger**, **Patrick Elkins**, **Jennifer Guerra**, **Jerry Hancock**, **Dana Kletter**, **Jim Roll**, and members of **Ghostlady**, **Secret Twins**, and **Fields of Industry**, along with a troupe of tap dancers. 7 p.m.-2 a.m. **Feb. 16: "The Cycle."** DJs Blakguts and Joe Vargas spin funk, soul, and indie dance records. **Feb. 17: TBA**. **Feb. 19: Jeni Lee Richey & the Great Tribulation**. Folk noir and neo-honky-tonk by this local ensemble led by singer-songwriter Richey. Opening acts are **Mark Lansing & His Biscuit Eaters** and **Fidrych**, a Plymouth Americana powerpop quartet. **Feb. 20: Blood, Bricks, & Booze**. Rockabilly band. Opening acts are the pop-metal band **The Phage**, the Detroit horror punk band **Nuke & the Living Dead**, and the Detroit-area psychobilly punk band **Koffin Kats**. **Feb. 23: "Elbow Deep."** Gay and lesbian gala with Detroit DJ **Humanfly**. **Feb. 24: Black Jake & the Carnies**. Ypsilanti octet that calls its energetic, foot-stomping blend of punk, old-time music, and bluegrass "crabgrass." *All Music Guide* writer Steve Leggett calls it "a kind of raucous acoustic Americana that tosses postmodern Appalachian murder ballads, Irish drinking songs, skewed, twisted love songs and general cautionary tales into a stylistic blender that has them sounding like nothing so much as a maverick, hopped-up punk polka band in full 21st-century everything-fits-jug band mode." Opening acts are **Theodore**, a St. Louis quartet led by singer-songwriter Justin Kinkel-Schuster that plays country-folk Americana with a distinct Mexican flavor, and **Jim Roll**, a nationally prominent local singer-songwriter known for his barbed alt-country-flavored folk-rock ballads and love songs. **Feb. 26: Your Best Friend**. Saginaw rock quartet. Opening acts **TBA**. **Feb. 27: TBA**.

Goodnite Gracie

301 W. Huron 752-5740

Martini and cigar bar below Live at PJ's lounge. DJ Fri. & Sat. 11 p.m.-2 a.m., & occasional live music. Cover, no dancing. **Every Thurs.: TBA**. **Feb. 5: "5:01 Jazz Series."** With the **Chris Codish Trio**, a local jazz trio led by organist Codish. 5-8 p.m.

Guy Hollerin's

3600 Plymouth Rd. 769-9800

The restaurant in the North Campus Holiday Inn features music on Sat., 8 p.m.-midnight. Cover, dancing. **Feb. 6: Steve Nardella Rock 'n' Roll Trio**. See review, p. 55. Ann Arbor's most passionate and compelling roots-rocker performs fiercely cathartic, blues-drenched reworkings of rock 'n' roll and rockabilly classics and obscure gems, along with some authentic Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker blues. **Feb. 13: George Bedard & the Kingpins**. Superfine honky-tonk dance tunes from swing to vintage blues, country, rockabilly, and early rock 'n' roll classics, with some memorable originals penned by guitar genius Bedard. With drummer Rich Dishman and bassist Randy Tessier. The band has released 3 acclaimed CDs and is working on an all-instrumental CD that includes "Swing Minor 65," Bedard's surf-music adaptation of a Django Reinhardt tune. **Feb. 20: Bobby Murray Band**. R&B band led by singer-guitarist Murray, who is the regular guitarist in Etta James's band. **Feb. 27: Thornetta Davis**. Soulful, rocking Detroit-style R&B by a band led by Davis, a powerful, Etta James-style vocalist.

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The Halfass

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The Jolly Pumpkin

311 S. Main 913-2730
 The 2nd-floor lounge in this downtown brewpub features live music Thurs. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. No cover, no dancing. **Feb. 4: Joe Summers Gypsy Jazz Trio.** This local trio led by guitar virtuoso Summers plays the music of Django Reinhardt, Charlie Christian, and Lenny Breau. With guitarist Chris Moyer and bassist Dave Sharp. **Feb. 11: Dave Sharp's Secret Seven.** Straight-ahead jazz by this ensemble led by veteran local bassist Sharp. **Feb. 18: Bob Skon.** Folk-rock singer-songwriter and guitarist. **Feb. 25: Dave Sharp's Secret Seven.** See above.

Keystone Underground Martini Bar

200 W. Michigan Ave. Ypsilanti 544-9960
 This basement lounge beneath J. Neil's Mongolian Grille features live music Mon. 8:15-11 p.m., Wed. 10 p.m.-2 a.m., Thurs., 8-11 p.m., & Fri. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Also, DJs on Wed. & Sat., 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Cover, no dancing. **Every Mon.: Paul Keller Orchestra.** Award-winning 15-piece big band led by bassist Keller and featuring vocalist Susan Chastain. With guest performances (except Feb. 1) by the **Albion College Jazz Big Band.** **Every Wed. (except Feb. 17): Open Mike.** All musicians invited. 10 p.m. **Every Thurs.: II-V-I Orchestra.** See Creekside. With guest vocalist **Jesse Sinatra**, a local singer who specializes in the songs of Cole Porter, the Gershwins, Jerome Kern, and other classic early-20th-century American songwriters. **Feb. 5: Dragon Wagon.** Local experimental acoustic roots-music band. **Feb. 12: Trouser.** Americana rock quartet from Madison. **Feb. 17: Acoustic** or lightly amplified music by the local classic rock cover band **Six-Foot Pole**, the local ska and 80s-style pop quintet **Hullabaloo**, the versatile acoustic old-time, Cajun, and Zydeco sextet **Walk Chicken Walk**, and **Bill Byndum & Co.**, a quartet led by Downriver bluegrass-based singer-songwriter Byndum. No cover. 7-9:30 p.m. **Feb. 19: Rocket-style.** Local jazz funk trio featuring keyboardist Jesse Morgan, drummer John Churchville, and bassist Rob Crozier, along with guest musicians TBA. **Feb. 26: The Afternoon Round.** Local Americana pop-rock band.

Live at PJ's

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Melange Subterranean Bistro

314 S. Main 222-0202
 The lounge in this downtown restaurant features live music occasional Thurs., 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Also, DJs on Fri. & Sat. Dancing, no cover. **Feb. 4: Lucas Paul Band.** Local quartet led by pop-rock singer-songwriter Paul.

The Necto

516 E. Liberty 994-5436
 This popular dance club features local and national

DJs 4 nights a week, Mon. & Thurs.-Sat., 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Also, occasional live shows. Cover, dancing. **Feb. 11: MEDMA Presents Impulse!** The Michigan Electronic Dance Music Association's monthly showcase of progressive house, trance, and electronic dance music TBA.

Old Town

122 W. Liberty 662-9291
 This downtown corner bar features live music Sun. & occasional other nights, 8-10 p.m. No dancing, no cover. The performers are usually accompanied by various drop-in friends. **Feb. 7: No music. Feb. 14: Charlie Weaver.** Acoustic folk music "with a touch of bluegrass and trout stream rhythms" by this northern Michigan singer-guitarist (and fishing guru), a former Ann Arborite who was a regular at the Old Town Sunday night folk jams in the early 80s. **Feb. 21: Jen Sygit and Sam Corbin.** Double bill. Sygit is a Lansing singer-songwriter and guitarist known for her bluesy lyrics, down-home music, and sultry vocals, and Corbin is a Lansing pop-folk singer-songwriter whose influences range from Leonard Cohen to Bob Dylan. **Feb. 28: John Latini.** Acoustic rock-based originals by this veteran local rock 'n' roll singer-songwriter.

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The Quarter Bistro

300 S. Maple 929-9200
 This west-side restaurant features live music Sat. 6:30-9 p.m., and occasional other nights. Also, a DJ on Fri., 6:30-10 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Feb. 4: Benny Poole.** Jazz-soul tenor saxophonist from Jackson. **Feb. 6: Terry Jacoby.** Acoustic alternative rock singer-songwriter. **Feb. 13: Meg & Tony.** Acoustic rock covers by the Royal Oak duo of vocalist Meghan Kelly and guitarist Tony Anthony. **Feb. 20: Steven Springer.** Blues by this former Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band singer-guitarist, winner of several Detroit Music Awards for Best Guitar Player. **Feb. 27: Wendy Cusick.** Alt-rock singer who is accompanied by her husband, acoustic guitarist Greg Cusick.

Sava's State Street Cafe

216 S. State 623-2233
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Tap Room

201 W. Michigan Ypsilanti 482-5320
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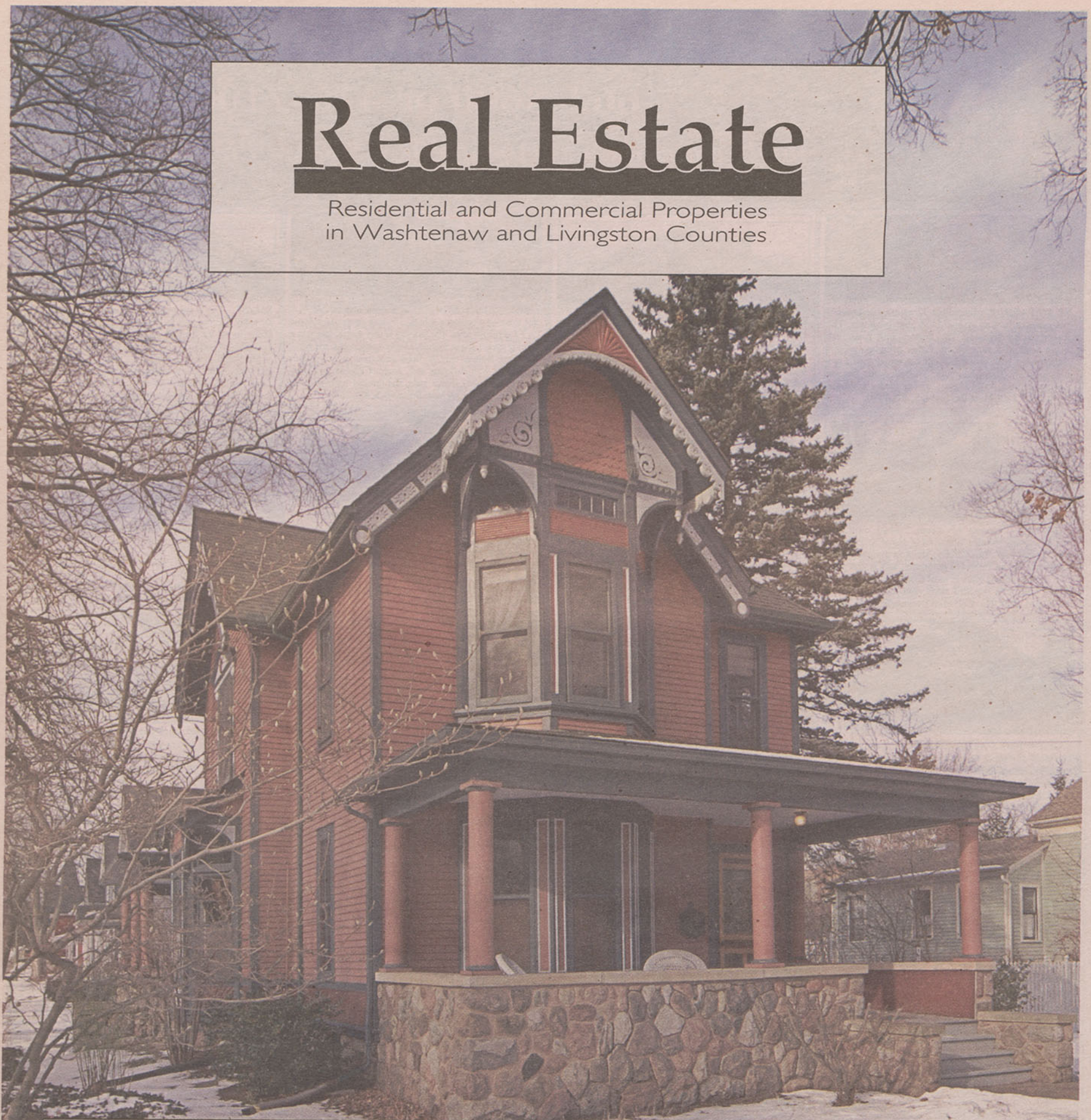
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SALINE - This is one of the premier residences on the market today. Custom-built for the 2004 Showcase of Homes this home has all the features and amenities you've hoped for. Incredible lot with pool, hot tub, and large patio. The interior is spectacular including great room with 12' ceilings, gourmet kitchen with Viking appliances, den, luxury master suite, bonus room, and finished lower level with rec room, bar and theater. \$899,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.



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SALINE - Absolutely gorgeous 4-bedroom, 4 ½-bath, custom-built builder's model home in Huntington Woods. This home is loaded with quality upgrades throughout. Features include two-story foyer and family room, cherry kitchen with 11' ceilings and granite counters, extensive trim and molding, luxury master suite, and finished walkout basement. \$499,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.



CENTENNIAL PARK - Fabulous 4-bedroom, 3 ½-bath home in one of Saline's most popular neighborhoods. This home has all the features and amenities you've been hoping for. Features include cherry kitchen with granite and stainless steel appliances, open family room, great formal spaces, den, luxury master suite, and finished basement with great rec space. \$479,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.



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BARTON HILLS AREA - New construction just minutes from downtown Ann Arbor and U of M. This 5-bedroom, 3½-bath home on a peaceful 1.5 acre parcel features wonderful oversized rooms, ample hardwood floors, custom kitchen with professional grade appliances, luxury master suite. \$399,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.



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CHELSEA - Charming early century 3-bedroom, 1-bath farmhouse on 2.5 peaceful acres on the east side of Chelsea. Quick access to I-94. Property is gorgeous and has the potential for horses. Home is loaded with old world charm with wood floors, oversized molding, large living room with fireplace, and family room with wood stove. \$199,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.



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WARNER CREEK - This 3-bedroom, 2 ½-bath home in one of Saline's most desired neighborhoods is one of the best buys on the market today. Sharp home features living room and family room both with fireplaces, kitchen with eat-in area, formal dining room, nice master suite, and good sized kids bedrooms. \$189,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.

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STONEBRIDGE - Custom-built 4-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath home on a quiet cul-de-sac in one of the area's most desired subs. Incredible lot borders trees and a stream with oversized patio and extensive landscaping. Gorgeous interior features large great room with vaulted ceiling, gourmet kitchen, spacious first-floor master suite, and finished basement. \$439,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.



BRIARHILL - This 4-bedroom, 6-bath 2002 Showcase of Homes entry on a quiet, interior, cul-de-sac lot is loaded with quality features and amenities. You will love this home. Features include two-story foyer, custom kitchen with granite and stainless steel appliances, den, two-story family room, luxury master suite, and finished basement with view out windows. \$419,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.



YORK PALCE - Spectacular 4-bedroom, 3.2-bath custom-built colonial on a spacious acre lot in one of Saline's most desired subs. This home is just perfect inside and out including extensive landscaping and patio. Interior features 9' ceilings, open family room, den, sun room, luxury master suite, and finished basement. You will love it!! \$399,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.



LAKE FOREST - Stunning 4-bedroom, 3 1/2-bath former builder's model home in one of Ann Arbor's most desired subs. Great lot with extensive landscaping, large deck, and patio. Interior features two-story family room, ample hardwood floors, den, kitchen with granite counter tops, nice master suite, and finished walkout basement with large rec space, study, and bath. \$369,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.



YORK PLACE - Like-new 4-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath custom-built colonial in one of Saline's most desired subs. Great one acre lot on a cul-de-sac street with extensive landscaping and oversized patio. The interior is perfect and includes a two-story foyer, den, large kitchen with maple cabinets and granite counter tops, open family room, large formal dining, and luxury master suite. You will love it. \$369,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.



OLD WEST SIDE - Stunning 3-bedroom, 2-bath classic home walking distance to downtown Ann Arbor. This home has all the charm and character you've been hoping for plus extensive recent renovation. Features include incredible oversized backyard, all natural trim, extensive hardwood floors, and Custom kitchen with granite counters. \$359,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.



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SALINE - This perfectly maintained and nicely update 4-bedroom, 3 1/2-bath home in Rolling Hills is one of the best values on the market today. Gorgeous setting backs to open space and has a pond view. Incredible space with over 4,000 sq. ft. of living area. Interior features include oversized living room and dining room, den, open kitchen, family room with 10' ceilings, large master suite, and finished walkout basement. \$329,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.



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GRASS LAKE - This 4-bedroom, 3 1/2-bath former builder's model home in Sandhill Estates is loaded with quality upgrades. Great design featuring two-story foyer, open great room, large kitchen with island, first-floor master suite with sitting area, and three-car garage. \$249,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.



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SALINE - Rare find. Country ranch on a peaceful acre lot on the north side of Saline, just minutes to I-94. Solid brick ranch in need of some cosmetic updates. Great starter home includes large backyard, 2 car garage, living room, den, and full basement. \$149,900. Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.



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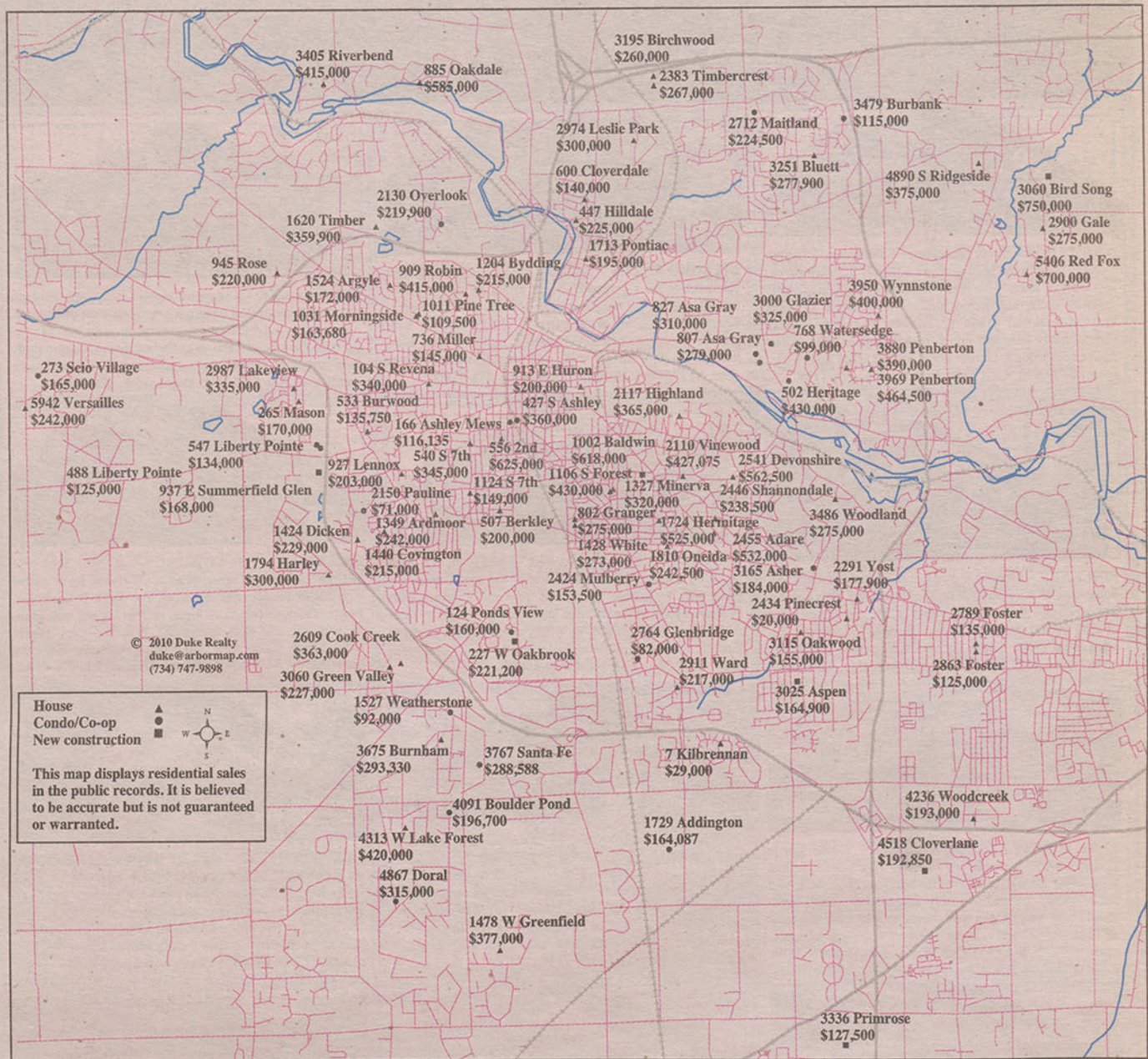
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HOME SALES



Sales of existing single-family homes slipped only 5 percent in 2009, suggesting that the free fall of the market has finally begun to slow. We counted 1,021 transactions in the Ann Arbor school district, including foreclosures, compared to 1,078 sales in 2008. By comparison, sales declined 14 percent from 2007 to 2008. The accompanying table tracks the roller-coaster market by price range since 2004. It is based on our analysis of 7,563 sales culled from public records.

The median price of a single-family home lost just 6 percent for the year. After back-to-back 10 percent drops in 2008 and 2007, it's one more reason to think that the worst may be over.

For better and for worse, the market played favorites in 2009. As foreclosures cycled through the system, sales of the most affordable homes surged by a stunning 50 percent: sixty single-family homes sold for less than \$100,000 in 2009, compared to the forty

counted in 2008. In contrast, the number of high-end homes selling for \$500,000 or more fell by 6 percent—from 100 in 2008 to ninety-four last year.

Some sales don't fit the usual pattern. The home at 265 Mason sold twice in 2009 for very different prices. Located off Jackson Road south of Weber's Inn, the \$170,000 sale appears on this month's map. Just five months earlier, the same house sold for \$88,000. That first sale, though, was a foreclosure—and based

on the Realtor's listing, between July and December the home was remodeled.

To take the measure of the real estate recession, check the chart's bottom line. The cumulative value of the existing single-family homes that sold in 2009 was \$270 million, down 47 percent from its 2004 peak. The difference sums up just how dramatically the market has downsized in the intervening years. Based on the sales of existing single-family homes, our local real estate market has lost

roughly half of its power to support Realtors, furniture and appliance sellers, and their ilk.

Construction declined even more dramatically. Sales of new homes fell from \$163 million in 2004 to just \$15 million during 2009. Government programs may have helped to steady the market, slowing its dramatic slide. But it's still a long way from the dramatic upturn that existing homeowners would prefer.

—Kevin Duke

Existing Single-Family Home Sales: Ann Arbor School District

Price Range	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Less than \$100K	7	3	3	14	40	60
\$100K-\$199,999	234	197	206	286	332	362
\$200K-\$299,999	659	559	457	458	379	326
\$300K-\$399,999	351	312	272	252	155	129
\$400K-\$499,999	141	129	130	94	72	50
\$500K-\$599,999	76	81	67	69	31	40
\$600K-\$699,999	36	51	50	36	23	22
\$700K-\$799,999	26	20	30	17	20	13
\$800K-\$899,999	14	22	19	15	15	10
\$900K-\$999,999	5	8	7	4	5	6
Over \$1,000,000	17	10	13	7	6	3
Homes Sold (#)	1,566	1,392	1,254	1,252	1,078	1,021
Median Price	\$278K	\$285K	\$288K	\$260K	\$235K	\$220K
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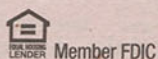
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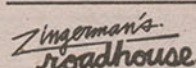
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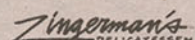
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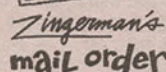
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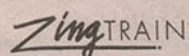
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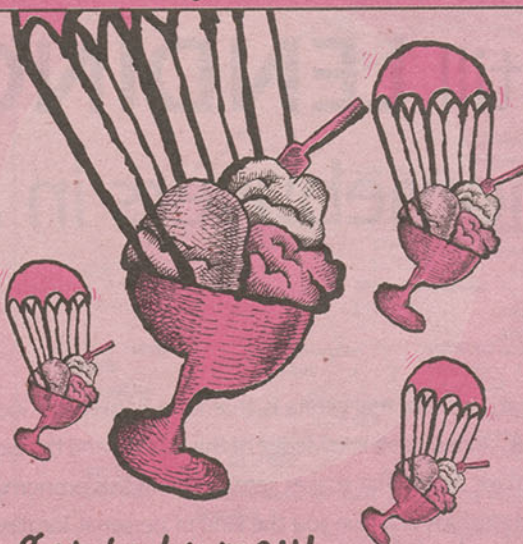


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MarketplaceChanges

by Tony McReynolds & Sally Mitani

Mighty Montessori

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"It's part of Montessori pedagogy that there's supposed to be a community store so students can participate in a microeconomy and interact with the community," says Erin Milligan, director of the Christian Montessori School of Ann Arbor. Still, she says, "I don't think there's another Montessori school with a store anything close to this size."

ShareHouse, on Jackson Road two doors down from the school, has 72,000 square feet filled with furniture, clothing, household goods, and plenty of weirdly unclassifiable kitsch. Most of what's open to the public is neatly organized, but a quick and very cold tour around the enormous and partially insulated pole barn showed it to be jammed to the rafters with people's castoffs waiting to be sorted and priced. ("Yes, we take donations," Milligan says, politely, and a little reluctantly, gazing at the piles of future merchandise, "but we're trying to move stuff, and our prices are really good.")

ShareHouse has operated since last summer but only recently added the large sign that makes the big blue warehouse much more visible. Milligan guarantees her prices are the lowest in town: "Some things are even free. And people come in with vouchers from social service agencies. We'll work with just about anyone."

A share of the store's income finances scholarships to CMSAA (where annual tuition can run as much as \$10,000). But most of the revenue is being used to pay the \$1 million mortgage on the building, which the school bought from D & C Plumbing & Heating Supply two years ago, Milligan says, "when the economy



Christian Montessori School director Erin Milligan and ShareHouse manager Jim Daratony in their giant west-side warehouse.

was a whole lot better. At that time we were thinking we'd be able to start a capital campaign to raise the money and renovate the building to use as space for the school."

ShareHouse is staffed by students and volunteers—and has one paid employee, manager Jim Daratony, an energetic, smiling presence with a lively sense of humor. He's responsible for the disgusting plate of stale-looking chocolate candy at the cash register bearing a Post-it note that says "Please Do Not Eat the Candy." Its proximity to a spilled cup of coffee makes it even more unappetizing.

"Then why do you put it out here, if you can't eat it?" a querulous customer asks—probably not the first to be taken aback. Daratony invites the customer to take a closer look at the display—like the coffee, it's plastic. "We had to put the sign

up," he explains. "People just kept trying to pick it up."

ShareHouse, 5161 Jackson Rd. 222-0876. Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Closed Sun. www.cmsaa.org/sharehouse.html

Briarwood Roundup

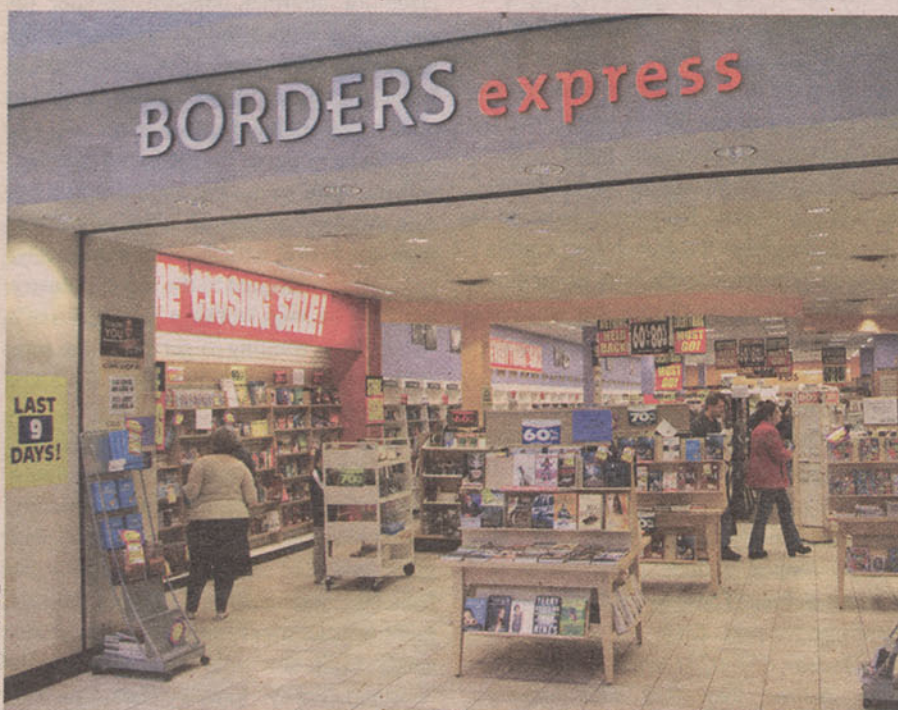
Good-bye Borders Express,
hello Windsor.

Anything having to do with our home-grown big box retailer is news, so when the Borders Group announced that it was closing 200 of its small Borders Express stores, including the one in Briarwood, we headed down to the mall. Once there, however, we saw that the Borders closing was only one of a clutch of changes.

In the Penney's corridor, Windsor opened in late October. "We specialize in dresses—formal dresses, day dresses, cocktail dresses, gowns. Any kind of dress you need, we have, \$30 to \$200," says co-manager Allie, who didn't give her last name. Windsor is a family-owned chain of about forty stores, most of them in California.

A nearby nomenclature change: Limited Too has changed its name to Justice. It's the same store, finally catching up on having been spun off from founding parent the Limited ten years ago. Its current parent: Tween Brands, Inc.

Down by Macy's, Ed's Luggage opened in November, replacing a series of luggage stores in that spot, most recently one called Point A. Unlike Point A, Ed's is not a chain, but a single, family-owned store (although there is no Ed in the family—it's a made-up name). Hadayat Azad,



Beleaguered Borders is closing most of its remaining mall stores, including the Borders Express in Briarwood.

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who has been selling luggage for twenty years, came up from Virginia to run it. "When something happens in the luggage business, everybody hears about it," he says, explaining how a Virginia family managed to pounce so quickly on a vacancy in Michigan. Ed's carries Briggs & Riley luggage, Kenneth Cole briefcases, travel accessories, and a lot of fun International Traveller hard-shell luggage in wild polka dots. As soon as he can find a way to ship a newly purchased 400-pound embossing machine to Ann Arbor, he'll be able to emboss luggage with your—or anyone's—initials.

Across the hall from Ed's is **The Walking Company**, a chain of about 250 stores selling predominantly European comfort brands, like the Dansk and Sanita clogs so dear to Ann Arbor women's hearts (this store sells only women's shoes, though other Walking Company stores sell men's). It also sells UGGs, ECCOs, and MBT rocker-soled shoes which employees Lindsay Phillips and Kaitlin Graf claim to be "way superior to the Sketchers knockoff. You can blow the Sketcher soles out in three months." MBTs not only last longer, they promise, but can be resoled, making them practically indestructible.

At the Sears end of the mall, replacing Dollar Dogs, is **Very Berry** frozen yogurt, with six flavors of self-serve and optional toppings. Three of the flavors are the newfangled ultra-tart stuff. Very Berry is owned by local partners Kwang Taek and Suni, who goes by one name.

In another move, Briarwood refused to renew the lease on the freestanding building housing **Bennigan's**, and manager Brandon Gilbert said the restaurant would be vacated by the end of January.

"It's a lease issue," says Gilbert. A hot concept back in the 1980s, the bar-and-grill chain lost out to newer competitors and fell into bankruptcy in 2008. Though franchisees kept many restaurants going—"there are still ten other Bennigan's in Michigan," Gilbert says—the Briarwood location is closing because its franchisee couldn't agree on new lease terms with its landlord, the Simon Property Group. An employee at Briarwood—also owned by Simon—says it's been leased to **Red Robin**.

Unofficially, we hear from some Briarwood shopkeepers—not any of those listed above—that a Subway is also due to open in the former Sbarro space, and that the recently closed **Arby's** will also shortly reopen as another restaurant, this one not a chain. These two tidbits were unconfirmed at press time.

Windsor, 864-0231. www.windsorstore.com. Justice, 996-4038. Ed's Luggage, 995-9082. The Walking Company, 997-9161, www.thewalkingcompany.com. Very Berry, 997-9297.



After Point A closed in Briarwood, Hadayat Azad moved up from Virginia to take over the store—it's now Ed's Luggage.

Sweet Stuff on Washtenaw

Boersma owners
branch out with Gji's.

"It's a one-stop shop for those that have a sweet tooth," says James Kimble, who opened **Gji's Sweet Shoppe** on Washtenaw with his wife, Pamela, last fall. Gji (pronounced "Gee") is the nickname of Kimble's sister Sherry, who opened the original Gji's in Joliet, Illinois, early last year. Kimble says Sherry used to go to one place for gourmet popcorn, another for candy, and a third for ice cream, and she wondered why there wasn't anyplace in Joliet that sold all three. So she decided to open a store that did.

"We went down for the grand opening, and my wife said, 'We should do this in Ann Arbor,'" recalls Kimble, who owns Boersma Travel with Pamela. Kimble says he's fully committed to the travel industry, but Pamela, who works at Boersma, isn't. "She's been wanting to get out of the travel business for some time. When she asked that we do this, I couldn't say no."

After researching the business, he decided his sister was on to something. Gji's sells more than 200 kinds of candy: the store's wooden shelves are lined with glass jars filled with jelly beans, jelly babies, chocolate-covered nuts and pretzels, gummy fruit slices, and all kinds of hard candy. Gji's also sells what Kimble calls "nostalgic candy" like Sky Bars, Chick-O-Sticks, Valomilks, and flying saucers—a small, flying saucer-shaped wafer with a candy core. "The first week we were open,

a couple came in. They said they'd been looking for flying saucers and couldn't find them. They bought our entire inventory."

The store also has sixteen different flavors of ice cream, plus smoothies and shakes. But the core of the business is gourmet popcorn. They have five kinds: caramel, cheese, kettle corn-style, movie theater-style, and Chicago-style—freshly

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popped and coated with an evil blend of buttery caramel and melted cheese. Kimble says it's instantly familiar to anyone in Chicago. His sister spent a year and a half perfecting her own recipe. "She was experimenting with a caramel and cheese mixture, and it just caught on. People kept on asking for it." It's Gji's most popular item, in Joliet and in Ann Arbor.

There's no seating at Gji's other than a single bench reserved for kids, who sometimes behave like kids in a candy store. "If the kids get really intense, the parents can tell them to sit on the time-out bench and watch TV while they eat their candy." The Kimbles keep it tuned to channels like the Cartoon Network and Nickelodeon.

Kimble himself knows the dangers of being a kid in a candy shop. "As a kid, I was told don't eat candy because of cavities," he said, and so he didn't eat much candy growing up. Now people suggest to him that with more than 200 kinds of candy on the shelves, he should experiment and try a different one every day, so he knows his inventory inside and out. But, he says, "the temptation's too much. What I tell people is, we can almost do anything as long as it's in moderation. My moderation is to refrain from testing a different piece every day."

Gji's Sweet Shoppe, 3368 Washtenaw. 678-0688. Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. noon-4 p.m.

Briefly Noted

Diane Rose's eponymous jewelry store on West Stadium (a red brick house she owns with her husband, podiatrist Leo Santoro) has sprouted another bloom: a tiny 400-square-foot annex called the **Rosebud Gallery**. "I've been showing my work around the country for a few years," says Rose, a jeweler who works in gold, silver, platinum, fossils, fine gems, and diamonds. "I've been from Sedona, Arizo-

na, all the way to the East Coast. I've been meeting unique artists, I liked their work, and the space became available." She's got about twenty to twenty-five artists at the moment, about half of whom are from this area. Ann Arborite Carol Hanna's air-brushed acrylics on canvas look a little like Navajo rugs in their precise geometric lines and shapes. They're actually paintings of Cornell University sonograms of bird songs, painted in the bird's coloring. Each comes with a recording of the song and a photograph of the bird.

One local artist we talked to gave Rose two thumbs up—one for having the gallery in the first place, and another for taking only a 30 percent commission. "It's been a very tough year for artists," Rose says. "I have the space, I know the people, and I'm continually traveling with my own work, so I'm going to try to keep it fresh."

"And by the way," she says several times during the interview, "can you let people know there's a big parking lot in back?"

Rosebud Gallery, 2440 W. Stadium Blvd. 213-1883. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Evenings and weekends by appointment. www.dianerosejewelry.com.

Closings

Gladys Ponce opened **Burrito Bori-mex** on South State last summer under difficult circumstances. Several restaurants had failed there already, and South State was being resurfaced. She closed December 2. After State Street was repaired, she says, "for awhile things were going well, but when the days began to get shorter, it was too dark. People thought it was closed." The "Burrito" part of the restaurant's name was clear enough, and most of the menu was familiar Mexican standards; the "Bori" part was a tip that this was Ann Arbor's first Puerto Rican restaurant—*boricua* is the indigenous people's word for Puerto Rican. Unfortunately, Ponce says, there are very few Puerto Ricans in Ann Arbor, and she failed to find enough converts to the cuisine.

Yoshi's, the Middle Eastern restaurant that finally opened last summer after a protracted battle with city inspectors, closed around the end of December. Though Ann Arbor has other Middle Eastern restaurants, this one, owned by Yasir ("Yoshi") Kaskorkis, was the only Chaldean one. As Observer restaurant critic Bix Engels put it in her October review, "Think Lebanese with a touch of Indian."

Karl Lagler, owner of Antelope Antiques downstairs, says that "after Christmas, they pretty much didn't show up anymore." He says that the complex eighteen-month renovation "burned up all their cash reserves." What with the familiar Jerusalem Garden on the next block, the competition was fierce. "There just wasn't enough traffic," Lagler says, adding, "I'm really going to miss their potato curry soup."

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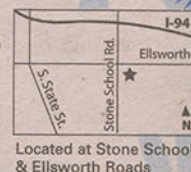
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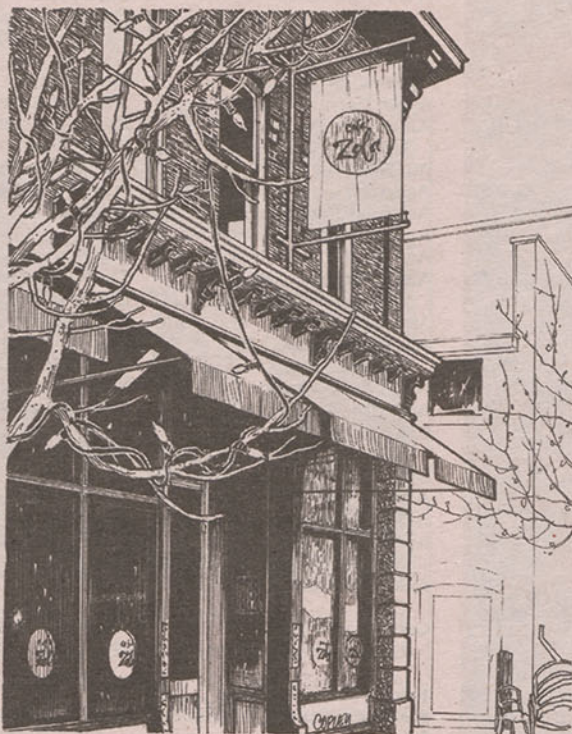
In the early days of Café Zola, we would order our crêpes and watch them being made for us through a little window at the end of the coffee bar. This was before the big weekend brunch crowds, when Zola was more of a proper café. The evolution since then has been remarkable, from coffeehouse-crêperie to weekend brunch hot spot and, finally, a place with upscale pan-European dinner service. It still feels like a café in some ways—white tablecloths and candles don't really turn a casual café into an elegant restaurant, and the slightly rickety tables and chairs leave a shortage in the atmosphere department. But as far as the food that comes to your table, Zola hasn't missed a beat.

Chef Alan Zakalik's dinner menu is big and bold; he likes flavors that really wow you. Expect rich pastas, assertively seasoned meats, and sauces that demand your attention. This is a cuisine that can take a robust wine pairing like a zinfandel or a cabernet (though one should be mindful of too much robustness in one night).

Some might say Zakalik cooks with a heavy hand, but we liked the ingenuity of his preparations: even lighter dishes like the wild scallops with wine and beet reduction—one of our favorites—ask to be eaten slowly. The sauce was alluringly sweet but not so sweet that it overpowered the tender scallops. It was a sensual, rich meal, but not one that left you feeling gluttonous.

Other dishes require a bigger appetite: the portobello ravioli arrives with a chili-rubbed, goat cheese-stuffed salmon filet that had Zakalik's signature preparation written all over it—satisfying, inventive, lots of flavor. And the penne with sausage and Chianti sauce, which we chose as a second course one night, was irresistible. You see here how Zakalik manages—expertly, artfully—to walk the line between hearty and delicate: the sausage comes crumbled rather than in chunks, the peas are bright green and still firm. But on the table, it's easy to forget all that and dig in. You just want to eat it all and not share.

In fact, it was while eating these pasta dishes (which we did share) that we realized what dinner at Café Zola is all about: upscale comfort food for adults. We've seen the same trend in other Ann Arbor restaurants, like Zingerman's Roadhouse: take a selection of comfort food favorites and treat them with great creativity and expertise. But Zola's menu goes one step further to bring us not only comfort foods made fancy but upscale dishes brought down to earth, made homey. Here's a place where you can have your whole fish baked in parchment paper in a way that doesn't scare you (if you're timid about that sort of thing). Under Zakalik's hand, the food might be delicate, but it's never dainty. Whether it's from a nice place like Zola or from your grandmother's kitchen, comfort food never calls attention to itself—eating



it, you don't need to think about much of anything other than how delicious it is, and maybe—maybe—whether you're being a little too indulgent.

Other delicious (though potentially overindulgent) crowd-pleasers we tried were the *chimichurri* steak with roasted potatoes (*chimichurri* of the green variety, that is—flat leaf parsley made into a thick, tangy sauce) and the Tuscan steak with fries. The Tuscan preparation was lovely, a rub of mint, rosemary, oregano, and garlic. The heaping pile of fries coated with rosemary and Parmesan was pure decadence.

We savored the pan-roasted mero in miso, a filet of creamy white fish that fell apart under the fork, served with jasmine rice (a bit too heavily seasoned with sesame oil) and broccolini that balanced the sweet miso. Although this was certainly a special dish with a beautiful presentation, we learned later that mero is a kind of Hawaiian grouper that can be sustainable or not depending on where it's caught, according to Seafood Watch. Zakalik's distributors tell him theirs passes this test.

Because almost any big party will order either the chicken or the salmon, we tried each. The brick-roasted chicken was a dish made for its sauce, a good lemon sauce on a relatively dry and spiritless bird. The salmon with leeks was better, rich with its butter-braised leeks and topped with both *crème fraîche* and *beurre blanc*. We didn't agree about this dish—one of us wanted something more exciting, the other thought it was fine—but it's a nice choice for tamer diners.

Salads and starters aren't where you'll find Zola's best work, though a few items do deserve mention, like the grilled Spanish octopus served with chutney, maybe the best octopus we've had in Michigan. You'll have to look to the specials board to find the octopus; it's usually, but not always, available. On the regular menu, the blue

crab cakes are the best appetizer, made with much more crab than cake, and served with a pineapple salsa and a smoky paprika aioli.

There weren't many real flops among the dishes we ordered. The hearts of romaine salad was one of them, just a few lettuce leaves on a plate with some shavings of Parmesan cheese and a sweet vinaigrette. This dish highlighted one minor reservation we had reading Zola's dinner menu—there is virtually no acknowledgment of seasonality or local produce. Talking with Zakalik later, we learned that he is indeed dedicated to having local foods on his menu—they're just not often mentioned as such. Be sure to ask your

(typically very helpful) server if you're interested in the restaurant's sourcing.

Any disappointments we had were countered by the intelligent and accommodating service. During one visit, a lemon *tagliarini* pasta with a delicious flavor but a mealy texture was whisked away. The pasta came off the bill, and dessert was on the house. Service of this caliber isn't easy to find, and it speaks volumes about the behind-the-scenes work responsible for such thoughtfulness.

Finally, while it's hard at Café Zola to leave room for dessert, you would be wise to try. The chocolate fudge with vanilla ice cream was a lumpy disappointment, but the pear almond frangipane tart, made in house, was exquisite, sweet without being cloying, a nice ending to a big meal. Or go for the almond torte, layers of rum-soaked pound cake and *marscapone* cheese—enough for a table of four to share. And then there are the sweet crêpes for dessert, but we passed on them—they're great, but they now have a lot of competition on this fantastic menu. And, really, they're just not as fun now that we can't watch them being made (the window is now curtained). It's a small sacrifice, and one we're certainly willing to bear in exchange for one of the most enjoyable dinner spots around.

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i spy

by Sally Bjork

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To enter this month's contest, use the clue and photo at right to find the spot shown, then send your answer to the address below.

"I spy the 'Wave Field' by Maya Lin," writes first-time entrant Alex Cao, identifying January's I Spy. "It's designed by the same architect/artist as the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.," adds Ginny Weingate. The landscape sculpture is on North Campus, "at Hayward and Beal, behind the Francois-Xavier Bagnoud" Center, writes Barbara Bushkuhl.

"Little kids at the North Campus Day



Care call it 'bumpy field,' shares Mary Keeley—"a fun place to play hide and seek." "During the summer this is a favorite stop for [students attending] the U-M Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) program," writes Jamie Saville. But Siri Gottlieb adds a warning: "Don't sun yourself on those waves. Hidden sprinklers shoot up without warning." In winter, Saville adds, "many U-M students have told me it's a great place for a snowball fight."

Sixty-eight entrants spied the Wave Field. Weingate won our random drawing; she is taking her \$25 gift certificate to the Grange Kitchen & Bar.

fake ad

by Jay Forstner

Last month's Fake Ad—for the Victorious Egret lingerie shop for bird-watchers—lured 236 clever Fake Adders out of the bush. It also ruffled a few feathers among birders—though only "those who aren't from A2," emails Cendra Lynn. "Evidently the umich birders list-serv serves people as far away as Iqaluit and Germany. Go figure!"

Locals took it in better humor. "Being a bird-watcher, the ad caught my eye," wrote Dan Jarrell. "I knew that we're much more likely to wear warm, layered, insect resistant clothing than lingerie."

"All of my bird-watching friends would love this shop if it existed," wrote Ypsi-

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The name of the store caught Jessica Detwiler's ear. "As a former Victoria's Secret employee, I appreciate a good Vicky's joke—very clever!" she wrote.

Paul Schwab was chosen as our winner. He's taking his gift certificate to the Earle.

The Fake Ad always contains the word "arborweb"—in January, "web" was hidden in the phone number. To enter this month's contest, find the phony somewhere in this issue and follow the instructions below.

To enter either contest, send email with the subject "Fake Ad" or "I Spy" to backpage@aaobserver.com. Mail: 201 Catherine, Ann Arbor, 48104. Fax: 769-3375. You must include your name, address, and telephone number! All correct entries received by noon on February 10 will be eligible for this month's random drawings. Winners will receive \$25 gift certificates to any business advertising in this issue.

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- Harpsichordist Edward Parmentier and Duo Fantasia en Echo, Feb. 7
- Pianist Angela Hewitt, Feb. 10
- Bass-baritone Darnell Ishmel, Feb. 10
- Vivo Sinfonietta, Feb. 13
- Arbor Opera Theater cabaret, Feb. 13 & 14
- "Schubert Piano Trios," Feb. 14
- Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra, Feb. 21
- Swedish Radio Choir, Feb. 21
- Pianist Stephen Shippy, Feb. 21
- U-M Michigan Chamber Players, Feb. 23
- Dexter Community Band, Feb. 28

Vernacular Music

pop, rock, jazz, & traditional

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- The Bad Plus (jazz), Feb. 4
- The Juggernaut Jug Band (old-time), Feb. 5
- Quebe Sisters Band (Western swing) with the Saline Fiddlers, Feb. 6
- Giant Steps (jazz), Feb. 7
- Gemini (folk), Feb. 7
- River Raisin Ragtime Revue (old-time jazz), Feb. 7
- Luciana Souza Trio (Brazilian jazz), Feb. 11
- Mr. B (boogie-woogie), Feb. 13
- Christian McBride Band, Detroit Jazz Festival Orchestra, & U-M Jazz Ensemble, Feb. 13
- The Neville Brothers and Dr. John (New Orleans), Feb. 17
- Bela Fleck Africa Project (banjo), Feb. 17
- Claudia Schmidt (folk & jazz), Feb. 19
- "A Toast to Fats Waller" (jazz), Feb. 20
- Fred Lonberg-Holm & Peter Brotzmann (jazz), Feb. 22
- Fugimundi (jazz), Feb. 27
- Richard Hovey (singer-songwriter), Feb. 27
- Heather Schwartz (blues & jazz), Feb. 27

Theater, Opera, & Dance

- The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Encore Musical Theatre), Feb. 4–7, 11–14, & 18–21
- After Ashley (U-M Basement Arts), Feb. 4–6
- (Re)Visionary Dances (U-M Dance Company), Feb. 4–7
- Moon over Buffalo (Community High School), Feb. 4–7
- K2 (Performance Network), Feb. 4–7
- B-School Follies (U-M Business School), Feb. 5 & 6
- The Midnight Caller (Skyline High School), Feb. 5 & 6
- Guys and Dolls (Burns Park Players), Feb. 5, 6, & 11–13
- Eurydice (Pioneer High School), Feb. 5 & 6

- "An Evening of Scenes" (U-M Residential College), Feb. 5 & 6

- Barbra's Wedding (Ann Arbor Civic Theatre), Feb. 5–7, 12, & 13

- Nation (National Theatre [London]), Feb. 7

- Waiting and The End of Civilization as We Know It (U-M Basement Arts), Feb. 11–13

- Aida (Huron High School), Feb. 11–14

- Gravity (Purple Rose Theatre), Feb. 11–14, 17–21, & 24–28

- Nora and Julie (EMU Theatre), Feb. 12–14 & 18–20

- The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Pioneer High School), Feb. 12–14 & 19–21

- Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog (U-M Basement Arts), Feb. 18–20

- Our Town (U-M Theatre), Feb. 18–21

- All's Well That Ends Well (U-M Theatre), Feb. 18–21

- It Came from Mars (Performance Network), Feb. 18–21 & 25–28

- Cheaper by the Dozen (Dynamic Stage Productions), Feb. 25–28

Comedy & Performance Art

- Comic Geechy Guy, Feb. 4–6
- Comic Lisa Landry, Feb. 11–13
- Comic Norm Stulz, Feb. 18–20
- The Ark Storytelling Festival, Feb. 20
- Comic Dennis Blair, Feb. 25–27

Festivals, Fairs, & Shows

- Michigan Argentine Tango Club Festival, Feb. 1
- Chinese New Year Celebration, Feb. 13
- Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance "Dawn Dance Weekend," Feb. 26–28

Lectures, Readings, & Forums

- Novelist Elizabeth Kostova, Feb. 3
- Fiction writer Adam Haslett, Feb. 4
- Novelist Donald Lystra, Feb. 10
- Poet John Burnside, Feb. 11
- Audio installation artist Stephanie Rowden and poet Stephen Benson, Feb. 16
- Fiction writer Ron Carlson, Feb. 18
- Fiction writers Blake Nelson, Kevin Sampson, and Chelsea Martin, Feb. 27

Family & Kids' Stuff

- Patchwork: The Little House Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder (Theater IV), Feb. 7
- "Mamma Kemba as Sojourner Truth" (Wild Swan Theater), Feb. 9–11
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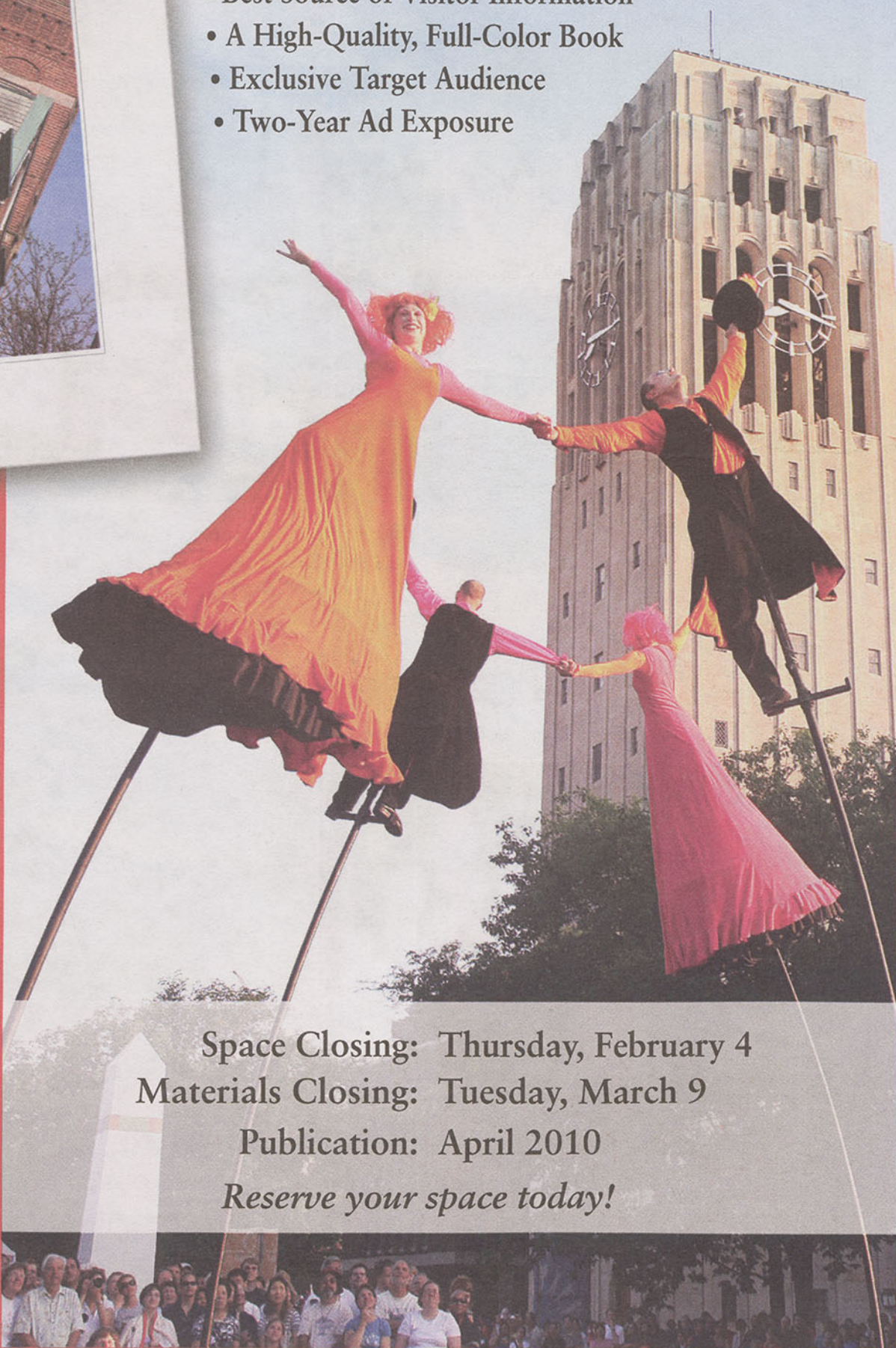
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